

The Mississippi Coordinating Council for Remote Sensing and Geographical Information Systems (GIS Council) Draft Minutes

July 23, 2026

Council Members Present: Preston White (MEMA), Jim Steil (IHL-MARIS), Kristyn Gunter (SMPDD), Rebecca Powell (MDA), Scott Trapolino (MML- City of Olive Branch), Steve Gray (MS Association of Supervisors), Steve Patterson (ITS), David Dockery (MDEQ), Sean Hodges (MFC), Bill Cheney (SOS),

Council Members Absent: Robert Miles (Mayor), Blake Pickering (Assessor, Lincoln County), Mike Love (MS Association of Surveyors), Kelle Barfield (Supervisor District 5 Warren County), Mark Gibbs (ITS), Wayne Williams (MS Board of Registered Professional Geologists), Will Grayson (MDOT).

Other Participants: Haley Feather (NSGIC), Jordan Cobb & Sara Hartzog (AG Liaison), Jonathan Simon (CMPDD), Toby Sanford (GTPDD).

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** - Jim Steil at 10:01 AM
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion, Scott Trapolino – Second Preston White
3. **Outline of Legislative Charges** – Discussion / evaluation of GIS Council success in fulfilling legislative charges was conducted by Jim Steil. Discussion was had about the Council's need for a strategic plan and how to address the current gaps with a focus on data governance as a core responsibility.
4. **One Page Report** – Discussion of the one-page synopsis by Becky and Scott of what the GIS Councils current roles are and how funding could advance that objective was discussed and is still in the works.
5. **Member Announcements** –
 - a. NSGIC Conference – Haley reminded the Council of the upcoming conference November 1-6, and to register.
6. **Next meeting date** – August 27, 2026, TBD
7. **Adjournment** - Motion, Steve Patterson – Second Preston White – Unanimous Approval