

**Minutes Mid Shore Regional Council July 6, 2005**  
**GIS Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Easton , Maryland**

Kevin Morse called the GIS Advisory Committee meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. , the following people were in attendance: Michael Scott , Lauren McDermott , Jason Wheatley, Jim McCormick , Sarah Criswell , Megan Del Gaudio , Robert Tenanty, Kevin Clark, Shane Johnston, Mark Cohoon and Terry Deighan .

*Update on ESRGC projects*

Dr. Scott announced that all the Counties have obtained funding for data distribution and management but he has yet to hear from Kent County or ? .(I can't read my own writing)

*Status report on data distribution and management*

Queen Anne County expects their information by December. Caroline County announced they are way behind due to lack of staff.

*Individual county progress reports*

Mark Cohoon reported Talbot County is working on two proposals for ortho projects (1700 tiles) utilizing 3" pixels.

Shane Johnston reported Caroline County is currently working on updates to data sharing.

Bob Tenanty of Dorchester County is currently filling the position left by Karen Houtman and they are currently working on an RFP for aerial photos for their 911 system.

Sarah Criswell of Queen Anne County stated data maintenance as well as data sharing from access is a concern to them, and hopes to implement a plan in the future that will help address these concerns.

*Regional needs and or project opportunities*

He stated a concern exists concerning liability issues for public safety due to no cell phone service in certain areas.

Another need Dr. Scott feels is more qualified persons to use GPS units. He stated there is an all round problem with GPS units due to the lack of qualified personal who actually know how to use them and he is finding he is being called upon far too frequently to do so.

Dr. Scott stated as far as GIS data upkeep is concerned Counties should be thinking of what they will have to budget in the future for flyovers to compile new data to keep their information up to date.

Dr. Scott presented the Board with his 1 st quarter report (a copy is attached as part of these minutes)

*Planning logistics until new MSRC Director is hired*

Dr. Scott will be the contact person for the GIS Committee until a new Executive Director is hired at which time he will orient the new Director on our projects and objectives.

*Roundtable discussion*

Jim McCormick has a concern with sharing data with companies that employ Iranian staff and whether or not we should share anything with them due to the possibility they could take the information back to the Middle East . Dr. Scott suggested only sharing the data in a form that would be no different than information they could obtain off the internet which ultimately would not be detailed enough to use against us in any negative way.

Kevin Morse asked if the VPN's given to Dorchester , Caroline, and Talbot have been set up and working and suggested getting a VPN for Queen Anne County also.

Kevin Morse has suggested Dr. Scott attend the next scheduled meeting of the Mid Shore Regional Council on September 14 th to present his impact traffic study to the council and to include any other GIS Committee members who may be interested in attending. He then told all the members how much he has enjoyed working with all of them and wishes them continued success.

*Adjourn*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.