

ST. TAMMANY GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS DISTRICT

AGENDA –In Person

28911 Krentel Rd, Lacombe, LA 70445

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 – 10:00 A.M.

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- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. AGENDA
 - a. Approve January 2026 Meeting Minutes
 - b. Library Grant
 - i. Discussion on Dates, Locations, and Adjustments to past project
 - 1. How many sessions?
 - 2. Are we doing this in Covington and Slidell? Where in Slidell can we do this?
 - 3. Library would like to add a public resident photo submission section to the program. And cemeteries.
 - 4. Volunteers
 - c. ESRI Training passes
 - i. 10 passes expiring September 2026
 - ii. Please let Christine know so she can enroll
 - d. Updated Recreation District shapefile is available for sharing
 - e. 27th Annual Disaster Response and Data Mining Geospatial Workshop
 - i. June 5-6, 2026
 - ii. Hosted by Regional Application Center at University of Louisiana at Lafayette
 - f. Annexations Procedure
 - i. Concur vs does not concur and how it affects the Annexation List
 - g. Louisiana RS 42:20 regarding publication of Board minutes in official journal
 - i. Ask Legal to see where the GIS District falls since we have \$0 revenue/budget
- IV. COMMENTS AND REPORTS
 - a. Michael McNeil
 - b. Chad Whaley
 - c. Mike Thiel
 - d. Christine Evans
 - e. Ben Tsang
 - f. Kevin Caillouet

Adjournment

2026 CALENDAR

All meetings are scheduled to be held at 10:00am. on the second Tuesday of the month that falls within the January, April, July, and October quarters, unless special meetings have been called. Technical Workshops will be held via Zoom within the months of February, March, May, June, August, September, November, December.

Upcoming meeting dates:

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 - In Person

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 - Technical Workshop

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 - Technical Workshop

Tuesday, April 14 2026 - In Person - rescheduled for May meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 - In Person

Tuesday, June 9, 2026 - Technical Workshop

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 - In Person

Tuesday, August 11, 2026 - Technical Workshop

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 - Technical Workshop

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 - In Person

Tuesday, November 10, 2026 - Technical Workshop

Tuesday, December 8, 2026 - Technical Workshop

Meeting dates, times and location are subject to change. Please check agenda regularly, or for immediate assistance, please call Christine Evans at (985)898-2448.



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Board Members:

Mike Thiel, Chair
Ben Tsang, Vice-Chair
Christine Evans, Secretary/ Treasurer
Michael McNeil Lance Rouquette
Chad Whaley Kevin Caillouet

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2026

@St. Tammany Parish Communications District #1

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MINUTES RECORDED BY FIREFLIES MEETING NOTETAKER

DISTRICT CHAIR, Mike Thiel, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

ROLL CALL (Quorum present) as follows:

PRESENT: Ben Tsang (911)
Mike Thiel (STFD1)
Kevin Caillouet (STPMAD)
Christine Evans (STP GIS)
Chad Whaley (City of Mandeville)

APPEARERS: David Koppenol (STP GIS), Meaghan Combs (911), Becks Walker (911), Madison Miner (City of Slidell), David Koppenol (STPG), Tony Priola (Teams – STPG), Brig Bowels (Teams – ESRI), Greg Hymel (Teams -ESRI)

REGULAR AGENDA:

1) **December 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes** -Motion made to accept by Kevin Caillouet, Second by Christine Evans

2) **Library Grant Collaboration**

Library grant with University of Portland will begin post-summer, expanding to historic buildings and cemeteries. Byron and Nancy Hunter resolved prior delays and are now ready to move forward with project execution. Scheduling may push actual work to September due to current priorities like reading programs. Eagle Scouts recently completed a cemetery mapping project, adding veteran data and obituary links. Working with Eagle Scouts builds community engagement and enriches local historical records.

The project scope now includes historic buildings and cemetery elements, expanding beyond initial plans.

3) ESRI Training Passes

10 instructor-led passes expiring in September offer training valued at around \$10,000. STPG utilized two days for enterprise-level courses to stay updated. David encouraged team members to leverage these opportunities to enhance GIS capabilities.

4) Updated recreation district shapefiles pending ordinance approval

Recent updates align Rec District 12 with school boundaries, but Rec District 10 overlaps remain unresolved. Legal department has all materials, with hopes to finalize by the June meeting calendar. David will distribute shapefiles for any urgent needs ahead of formal adoption.

5) 27th Annual Disaster Response and Data Mining Geospatial Workshop

June 4-5 in Lafayette, LA at University of Louisiana Lafayette LITE Center; free attendance with meals included. The free event includes in-person and virtual attendance options with meals provided for on-site participants. Agencies like FEMA, NOAA, and DOTD participate, sharing disaster response tools and data sources.

6) Annexation Data Management

Annexations without parish concurrence still require inclusion in official city limits mapping. Non-concurred annexations are official despite parish disagreement. Annexations affect voter registration, assessor records, 911 dispatch, and other operational data. Legal (DA's Office) input has been limited, prompting further internal review and outreach for clarity.

7) Public Records, Compliance, and Website

Discussion focused on legal requirements for meeting minutes publication, associated costs, and website accessibility improvements. Current practices meet public records requirements without costly official journal publication. The group confirmed no budget exists for paid publication in the official parish journal, which charges around **\$150/month**. Plans to consult legal for confirmation but favors website posting as sufficient compliance. Website ADA compliance efforts are underway with positive results. Used Wix's ADA compliance tools to adjust headings, fonts, and colors for accessibility. The site now scores well for compliance, balancing readability with brand colors by simplifying backgrounds. Similar PDF accessibility checks are being applied to meeting minutes and policy documents.

Agency Updates/ Discussions:

Ben Tsang: Introduced new GIS Technician, Becks Walker, onboarding and undergoing training.

The hard drives with Aerial imagery from the assessor for distribution has been returned. STPG will get the hard drives back to the Assessor's Office

City of Slidell asked for assistance with Survey123. STPG offered assistance.

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, June 9, 2026 – Technical Workshop - Teams Meeting

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 – In-Person @ TBD

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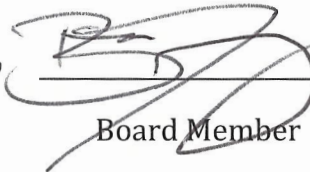
Tuesday, December 8, 2026 – Technical Workshop – Teams Meeting



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7/14/26

Board Chair or Vice Chair



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Board Member