

Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys Geologic Mapping Advisory Board – Spring Meeting

May 14, 2020 from 1 – 2:30 pm

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CONVENE Afternoon Session (Chair)

1:02 pm

- Call to order, logistics, roll call: J. Jones call meeting to order
Present: J. Jones (chair), S. Adamczak,, C. Freeman, T. Homza, P. McCarthy, J.Marunde, R. Rutherford, G. Wilson
Eight of nine Board Members present.
Margaret Darrow – not present

- Welcome new board member, Jamie Marunde

- Review and approve agenda – Freeman, motion to approve, Adamczak seconds, all in favor. Motion to approve agenda passed.

1:04 pm

- Approval of minutes from February 2020 meeting – Homza, motion to approve, Freeman seconds, all in favor. Motion to approve February 5 meeting minutes passed.

1:07 pm

Old Business

1:10 pm

PRESENTATIONS started by DGGGS staff

- Status of STATEMAP program funding and other DGGGS news

S. Masterman

Steve Masterman gave an overview of the FY20 division budget, StateMap awards summary, StateMap panel feedback, National Geologic and Geophysical Data Preservation Program awards, EarthMRI funding summary (\$1.2M in FY20, up \$100K from last year), COVID-19 and staff teleworking summary, and StateMap plans for 2021. Operating budget details and FY 21 Capital budget details.

- PowerPoint presentation

- Discussion and comments:

1:25 pm

C. Freeman asked: if there was a department-wide fieldwork plan, S. Masterman responded: There is no department-wide plan, but, with guidance from the Commissioner's Office, there is quite a bit of cooperation and consolidation amongst the divisions.

T. Homza commented regarding COVID-19 testing and being cleared to To do field work.

Greg Wilson commented ConocoPhillips requires a two-week quarantine for anyone going to the North Slope for work.

Rob Rutherford asked about the possibility of DGGGS staff implementing a quarantine prior to fieldwork. Steve Masterman responded: Yes, that is something we are discussing.

- Update on 2020 STATEMAP Project & Current Fieldwork Plans
2019 Big Bend Map Review – PowerPoint Presentation

1:32pm
T. Herriott

T. Herriott gave a summary of the Rooftop Ridge 2020 StateMap project on the North Slope, including the deliverables to the USGS that are due May 31, 2020. – Power Point Presentation

- 2020 Plans for Rooftop Ridge, Central North Slope **1:43 pm**
2021 Plans – PowerPoint Presentation *T. Herriott*

T. Herriott gave a summary of the RoofTop Ridge 2020 StateMap project in the North Slope, funded at \$165.9K. Described the challenges of summer fieldwork, as a result the global pandemic, and a potential plan for continuing to map the North Slope in 2021 – 2023.

- Discussion and Comments:

Jamie Jones asked if DGGs had received any guidance from the USGS/StateMap coordinators. T. Herriot replied that in initial conversations, the USGS were very accommodating and a formal written document soon followed. S. Masterman stated he and Ken Papp had a promising meeting with Darcy McPhee – StateMap Coordinator, and that options are plenty. Ken Papp followed up by stating it's possible to request 6 to 9-month extension, the USGS has five years to close out the awards. The USGS must send out rewards for the current fiscal year. **1:53 pm**

NO BREAK **1:55 pm**

New Business **2:00 pm**
Update on EarthMRI and Current Fieldwork Plans – PowerPoint Presentation *M. Werdon*

M. Werdon presented a summary of the Mineral resources section's EarthMRI mapping project and airborne geophysics plans in the Yukon Tanana Uplands.

2:08 pm

Curt Freeman asked M. Werdon about COVID-19, logistical challenges related to contractors. M. Werdon replied that DGGs is considering a reduced FFY20 project, due to the uncertainty of associated state CIP funding. M. Werdon summarized last summer's fieldwork in the eastern Tanacross area and stated the EarthMRI project also includes geochemistry re-analysis.

2:22 pm

Jamey Jones asked about "just taking a year off." S. Masterman stated that DGGs has other sections that could apply for the funding. The group discussed the possibility of the Engineering Geology section applying for StateMap funding.

Curt Freeman expressed concern about "false starts" related to the funding of future projects.

2:30 pm

Greg Wilson commented that the biggest risk is getting in and out of the helicopter and hoped for the best.

Jamie Marunde commented that we are in difficult times, but Doyon is interested in helping work things out.

Public Comments or questions - none **2:31 pm**
Closed, Virtual-Room Board Business – No closed room Board business

Ad-hoc items - none

ADJOURN

2:32 pm

Freeman motions to adjourn, Homza seconds
Motion passed, meeting adjourned.