



# RAMSEY COUNTY GIS USER GROUP

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## Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2007

Location: Shoreview City Hall, 4600 Victoria St. N

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

Attendees:

Chad Bergo-Maplewood	John Moriarty-Ramsey County Parks
John Blackstone-St. Paul Regional Water Services	Curt Peterson- Ramsey County
Deb Jones- Falcon Heights	Jolinda Stapleton- Roseville
Joel Koeppe- Roseville	Jan Vanderwall-Roseville School District
David Kotilinek-North St. Paul	Rob Warwick-Shoreview
Steve Lorbach- St. Paul	Julie Wotczak-North Oaks
Carrie Mack- Ramsey Washington Watershed Dist	Jody Yungers- Ramsey County Parks

Meeting was called to order by Jan Vanderwall at 2:03 p.m.

### 2. Approval of 2006 December Minutes

The minutes of the 2006 December meeting (posted at <http://www.ramseygis.com/Webpages/>) were approved by consensus.

### 3. Budget Status Report

Chad Bergo stated that there is a budget surplus and that available funding is available for extra projects by the User Group.

Chad indicated that annual membership invoices will be mailed out at the end of January. Chad is going to supply Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization with the cost for membership.

### 4. Secretary for RCGISUG

The User Group is still looking for a volunteer for the Secretary position in 2007. Jolinda Stapleton will continue to act as Secretary until the position is filled.

### 5. CivXplorer 4.0 Update

Jolinda Stapleton has received mostly positive feedback on the CivXplorer 4.0 upgrade. Jolinda did receive a few concerns on the new layout and if training would be available. The User Group determined that they would not pursue any customization from PlanSight at this time. Jolinda volunteered to do some training but would not be available for a month or more.

If any organization would like to have the CivXplorer directly linked from a webpage, contact Jolinda and she can supply you the code so that the disclaimer page can be eliminated.

### 6. RCGISUG Website

Steve Lorbach would like to redesign the User Group website in 2007. His goals are to make the site more user friendly and to create the ability for others to upload files directly to the site. The Secretary would then be able to upload the agenda and minutes. Steve will work on the project and may have something to show the group at the next meeting.

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## 7. Pictometry

Jolinda Stapleton indicated that those RCGISUG members on the metro-inet are currently getting Pictometry installed on specified computers. It was discussed that the software is running slowly on the metro-inet. Steve Lorbach suggested that Roseville should make sure that the network image directory file is installed.

Curt Peterson inquired if the Pictometry ortho's could be used in other applications. Steve indicated that they could be but they are not as spatially accurate as our current imagery.

## 8. Current Data Release – Curt Peterson

Curt Peterson brought along new data CD's. There is new centerline data on the CD. The County continues to work on their centerline data. They are creating dynamic segmentation of the centerlines (linear referencing).

The St. Paul parcel spatial adjustment and the St. Paul watermain coverage project are complete.

Curt announced that Mike Juniper is leaving Ramsey County for a new position.

The County received good feedback from on the cities on the draft County map. The County will continue to update the map.

Curt Peterson and Jody Yungers presented the User Group with a letter from ESRI detailing discounts on a number of ArcGIS Server options. The County had applied for an ESRI grant last fall for an ArcGIS server for the development of a pathway networks database. They were not awarded the original grant but ESRI recently selected the proposal for this alternative ArcGIS Server grant. This opportunity may allow the County and the User Group to partner in purchasing either an ArcGIS Server Advanced or ArcGIS Server Enterprise license. The deadline for the purchase is March 15, 2007. Curt will contact ESRI to discuss the license options and to discuss the upgrading of the County's and the User Group's existing software.

## 9. Strategic Plans for 2007

Jan Vanderwall requested that the strategic planning discussion be moved to the February 1 meeting.

## 10. Recognition

Jan Vanderwall presented Steve Lorbach with a plaque of recognition for his dedication and hard work during the past three years as a board member.

## 11. Community Announcements and Reports

Jan Vanderwall announced that he will attend a Roseville High School geography class to discuss demographics. He plans to show the Ramsey County On-Line Mapping application to the students.

ESRI has announced an ArcGIS Server training on April 25. ESRI has made 9.2 Service Pack 1 available for download on their website.

Jody Yungers stated that the University of Minnesota GIS Masters Program is always looking for internship opportunities for their students. Contact Jody for more information.

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Curt Peterson received the physical feature dataset from Martinez. The final version of the aerial photography was submitted which included the extended area outside of Ramsey County.

Steve Lorbach announced that some communities are currently using the new CAD 911 system. The software is using old centerline data that Steve updated. He will now start building response zones with the new County centerline data.

Jolinda Stapleton confirmed that John Carpenter from Excensus will present at the March 1 User Group meeting.

**12. Adjournment** was at 4:01 p.m.

Next meeting will be on February 1, 2007, 2:00 p.m. at Shoreview City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Jolinda Stapleton, Acting Secretary.

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