



# RAMSEY COUNTY GIS USER GROUP

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## Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2007

Location: Maplewood City Hall, 1830 County Road B

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

Attendees:

John Blackstone - SPRWS  
Dan Donkers - Ramsey County  
Liesa Miller - MnDOT  
Deb Jones- Falcon Heights  
Chad Bergo – Maplewood  
Sam Crosby – White Bear Lake

Joel Koeppe- Roseville  
Jolinda Stapleton- Roseville  
Curt Peterson- Ramsey County  
Jan Vanderwall-Roseville School District  
Julie Wotezak – North Oaks

Meeting was called to order by Jan Vanderwall.

### 2. Additions or corrections to the agenda

Add review of the April agenda.

### 3. Approval of 2007 February Minutes

The minutes of the 2007 January meeting were approved. They are posted at <http://www.ramseygis.com/Webpages/>.

### 4. Budget/Membership updates

White Bear Schools requested information about membership.

### 5. User Group Website Re-design

The group reviewed the new website. Add archival information. Site is straight forward and easy to access. Add new developments and current information to the home page. Identify Map as a map of Ramsey County. Add a link for map to meeting location. Use as few images as possible. Title bar should be consistent and easy for the browser to find. Add meeting date(s) and time. Encrypt email links on side bar. Don't display email addresses use a form for sending email. Use a map of Ramsey County for the header in place of the existing map. Add members by organization without contact names or addresses. Try to eliminate horizontal scrolling by use of variable width. All comments by consensus.

### 6. Pictometry Update

Pictometry has been installed at several sites. The website was updated to operate faster. Jolinda will email Steve Lohrbach regarding he status of Pictometry. The group will consider funding a portion of the cost of the project. The online application has been updated. There seems to be a problem with some versions of web browsers and creating PDF. Requested updated annotation for the online mapping. Next step to update websites

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## 7. Ramsey County Update

Curt Peterson brought two versions of the county map. Curt requested that those present review the map. The map is available as a PDF on the Ramsey County Website. County has been working on the county maps.

## 8. ESRI Grant/ArcGIS Server Status

Curt Peterson will contact Jody Yungers to determine the status of the grant. The software does not allow for easy and accurate updating..

## 9. Strategic Plans for 2007

Jan wants to update something for school districts. Jan will develop a draft document. Liesa Miller suggested looking at the Minnesota Geography Teachers Association as a possible resource. The long term goal is to make GIS part of education experience.

## 10. Community Announcements and Reports

Jan V announced that the 623 Summer Golf Tournament July 17 at Tanners Brook

John Blackstone announced that the spatial adjustment to the Ramsey County map. A final report is available.

## 11. Other Business

Curt Peterson reported that the St. Paul contours are in city datum. Curt will investigate if the datum can be converted to the national vertical datum.

## 12. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned

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

Minutes submitted by John F. Blackstone, P. E., Secretary.

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