



# RAMSEY COUNTY GIS USER GROUP

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## Monthly Meeting Minutes

2:00 PM- 4:00 PM August 6th, 2009

Location: Shoreview City Hall, 4600 Victoria Street North

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

Jolinda Stapleton – City of Roseville  
Joel Koepp – City of Roseville  
Chad Bergo – City of Maplewood  
Ger Pha – City of St. Paul  
Steven Lorback – Saint Paul Regional Water Supply  
Deb Jones – City of Falcon Heights  
Carrie Mack – Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District  
Etoile Jenson – URS  
Stephen Baker – Ramsey County Assessor  
Mike Goodnature – Ramsey Conservation District  
Curt Peterson – Ramsey County  
Matt Baker – City of Shoreview

Meeting was called to order by Mike Goodnature

**2. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda** – None suggested. Agenda approved by consensus.

### 3. Feature Topic: “Online Mapping For Schools”

#### Presentation by Peter White from Pictometry

a) Web-hosted Pictometry, both stand-alone and integrated into existing web GIS

b) Pictometry AccuPlus: Oblique and Orthophotography produced with LiDAR, aero-triangulation and ground control for high quality, high accuracy (NMA 1:400, 1-foot RMSE for 4” GSD)

c) Change Detection, Building Outlines, and Critical InfrastructureGIS

Peter outlined the different pictometry options, and demonstrated the online application. This application includes more of the functionality of the desktop client, with the advantage of being able accessible through your internet browser. The group asked several questions about the cost and functionality of the online application, and expressed interest in exploring this option in the future.

**4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** - July meeting minutes are approved by consensus.

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## 5. RCGISUG Contribution for aerial photography

Previously the user group had contributed \$10,000 for aerial photography, and the group discussed contributing up to this amount for 2008. The group also agreed that it was important to continue contributing towards the cost of collecting and distributing aerial photography, and there was a discussion about the frequency of data collection. The group also discussed the new options for pictometry, and agreed to hold a a vote on the contribution amount at the next meeting.

## 6. Review of the 2009 ESRI User Conference – Mike Goodnature

Mike gave a brief presentation about his experiences at the user conference. This included attending presentations and briefly using ArcGIS 9.4. Mike explained that ArcGIS 9.4 had several new features that he believed would be very useful.

**7. Ramsey County data updates – Curt Peterson** – Updated data, including new sales and permitting data was given to Jolinda. Curt also mentioned that David Claypool has retired, and that the County will be hiring a new surveyor within several months. Steven Baker updated the group on how the migration of the tax database is progressing. At this stage the County had temporarily stopped processing updates, and was hoping to transition to the new system in October. Steven also mentioned that the new system was particularly complex, and asked that users should let them know if they see anything unusual.

## 7. Community Announcements & Reports

a ) Curt outlined a request by the State Demographer for all Ramsey County data. This data is to be used to confirm census data, and Curt passed around a letter outlining the request in case any Cities were also asked for this data.

b) MetroGIS is working on better conformance for parcel data, and Curt explained how money may be withheld from the County if they do not conform to the standards.

c) Curt also updated the group on the progression of the pedestrian and bike group, and how they are now working on filling any gaps on the map.

d) Jolinda explained how she had a request for documentation of the benefits of user group membership. The group discussed how several other members had been asked for a similar document, and agreed that it would be worthwhile having a formal document. This will be discussed at the September meeting.

e) Curt mentioned that the County map will be sent out for review shortly, and that any corrections should be sent to Curt. They are hoping to complete this by November.

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**8. Agenda for September 2009 meeting** - Feature topic presentation: TBD. If you have any suggestions for topics that you or someone else could present, please contact an officer. We will also be voting on the user group contribution for Pictometry data and discussing a document outlining the benefits of continued user group membership.

**10. Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. Next meeting will be on September 3rd, 2009, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Shoreview City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Matt Baker.

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