



# RAMSEY COUNTY GIS USER GROUP

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## Meeting Minutes

2:00 – 4:00 PM, November 1, 2012

Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria St N

### 1. Introductions

John Anderson, City of Arden Hills  
Mark Andrie, City of New Brighton  
Chad Bergo, City of Maplewood  
Melissa Baker, Capitol Region Watershed District  
Mike Goodnature, Ramsey Conservation District  
Craig Hinzman, Ramsey County  
Brian Jastram, MWMO  
Kristine Jenson, VLAWMO  
Deb Jones, City of Falcon Heights  
Joel Koepp, City of Roseville and North St. Paul  
Matt Koukol, Ramsey County  
Carrie Magnuson, Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District  
Curt Peterson, Ramsey County  
Jolinda Stapleton, City of Roseville  
Jan Vanderwall, Roseville Schools

Meeting was called to order by Joel Koepp at 2:05 pm.

### 2. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Agenda approved by consensus.

### 3. Approval of August 2, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved by consensus.

### 4. MNGEO Proposed Legislation For Free Governmental GIS Data

Craig Hinzman outlined the proposed legislation that would allow electronic geospatial government data to be shared at no cost to other government agencies. Mr. Hinzman also provided a preliminary letter from the County that identifies several concerns with the legislation. Some of the concerns addressed in the letter include loss revenues, existing partnerships, data standards and dataset updates.

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Matt Koukol, stated that if data is shared at no cost, members of the User Group may drop out of the group to save on user fees.

Jan Vanderwall stated, large projects such as aerial flights may be limited because of the lack of money available with fewer members paying membership dues.

Chad Bergo stated that if members where to drop out of the group they may not receive timely updated data. In addition, the data may be limited if it is distributed through the State.

Mr. Vanderwall said the biggest value of being a member is the collaborative side where members can share project ideas and experiences.

Mr. Koepp suggested that the County could increase other fees, such as recorder fees to offset any loss of membership fees.

Jolinda Stapleton asked how much revenue would the County lose if their data was made free. Mr. Hinzmen estimated the annual revenues for their data is \$5,000 to \$12,000. Mr. Koukol added that the County already shares data between other government agencies.

Mr. Vanderwall asked if the User Group could even charge membership dues under the proposed legislation or if dues would be considered a fee for the data.

Mr. Koepp stated fees could increase for User Group members if current members decide to leave the group.

## 5. GIS Interns/Parcel Fabric Project Status

Mr. Hinzman reported that they have not yet hired an intern. He said they are waiting until they have completed the pilot areas for the parcel fabric project. He added they will look to hire someone after the first of the year. Mr. Koepp asked if the User Group can postpone the intern expenditure until 2013. Mr. Bergo stated that the expenditure can be postponed without a formal vote.

Mr. Koukol stated that the parcel fabric project has four pilot areas where they are currently working to resolve the issue of parcel remainders in each area. Curt Peterson is working on easements and right of ways and the data is nearly ready to load. ESRI will come in to consult on the project.

Mr. Hinzman stated if anyone knows of an individual with surveying or GIS expertise they are encouraged to apply for the intern position.

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## 6. 2013 Secretary Nominations

Mr. Koepp stated the User Group is looking for nominations for the 2013 Secretary position. He explained the Secretary serves as the Vice-Chair then Chair in the flowing years. Ms. Stapleton stated that most members have had a representative serve as Secretary. Mr. Koepp stated he would like to find a nominee for the December meeting and anyone who would like to serve a second term is welcome to do so.

## 7. Ramsey County Data Updates

Mr. Koukol stated that the County is in the process of combining the polygon parcel data with much of the associated data from the Assessor's Tax and Property information system. The goal for this system will be to have the GIS system reflect the nightly updates processed in the RRInfo web site (<http://rrinfo.co.ramsey.mn.us/public/characteristic/index.aspx>). He is also in the process of writing a RFP for the 2013 aerial flight which he hopes to have released in January. He stated that an impervious surface data collection line item will be added to see how much it would cost.

Ms. Stapleton asked if the County has received the contour data from the DNR. Mr. Hinzman stated the DNR has a link to download the data from their website. Mike Goodnature stated that some areas of the County have contours available but other areas are covered with only the points. Mr. Koukol stated that MNGEO also has a link to the data, but should be downloaded with an FTP client because of the size of the data.

Ms. Stapleton asked if the County has received any feedback about the MAPRamsey site. Mr. Koukol said he hasn't heard many comments other than the help documentation should be improved. Ms. Stapleton added that the old site is still up, but will be removed after the first of the year.

## 8. Community Announcements

Kristine Jenson reported that VLAWMO now has an on-line mapping application. The site was created and hosted by Houston Engineering. They will soon be posting live data to the site.

Chad Bergo reported that the City of Maplewood is migrating their data to ArcSDE and created a Flex application that will allow editing of their sanitary and storm water data.

Mr. Koukol stated that there is an upcoming meeting to discuss a mobile application for GoRamsey.

## 9. Agenda for December 6, 2012 Meeting

### 10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.

The next meeting will be on Thursday December 6th, from 2-4pm, at the Shoreview City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Mark Andrle, Secretary.

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