



# RAMSEY COUNTY GIS USER GROUP

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## Meeting Minutes

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM February 5th, 2015

Shoreview City Hall, 4600 Victoria Street North

### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Brian Corcoran, VLWMO  
Jolinda Stapleton, Roseville  
Carrie Magnuson, RWMWD  
Ger Pha, St. Paul  
Matt Koukol, Ramsey County  
Brian Jastram, MWMO

Mark Andrie, City of New Brighton  
Chad Bergo, City of Maplewood  
Joel Koopp, City of Roseville  
Gustavo Castro, CRWD  
Meeting called to order at 2:04 pm

- Additions or Corrections to the Agenda** – Include Ramsey County Update after item 6.
- Approval of the December 2014 Meeting Minutes** – Approved by consensus.
- 2015 Calendar Dates** – RCGISUG meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the following months excluding April. The April meeting is moved to the second Thursday of April. Feb. April 9<sup>th</sup> instead of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, June, August, November and December. Niki will send out a meeting reminder before April 2<sup>nd</sup> to remind people the meeting is not April 2<sup>nd</sup> but April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 2015 Agenda Topics** – Moving forward from last year's theme of sharing and discussing maps created by members of the group it was proposed by Chad Bergo that this year's theme be GIS applications. How do members of the group apply GIS in their daily work in their department specific or other areas like planning, zoning, community development, economic development, organizing trash collections and routing, billing, marketing and inspections? The idea is to share useful practical applications of GIS and provide support when possible.
- JPA Status Review** – Six Members have not signed the 2015 JPA yet. Gem Lake, North St. Paul, Ramsey Conservation District, Ramsey County, Rice Creek Watershed District, SPRWS and St. Paul. There was discussion about which members may still sign, which members were probably not going to renew their membership and possible repercussions for the group of membership decline. All RCGISUG data is on Ramsey County's ftp site now. Matt Koukol will send Ramsey County's JPA for review and signature.
- Ramsey County Update** – Matt Koukol would like to confirm that funding is still available for impervious surfaces mapping for aeriels and secure said funds. Map Ramsey is working on symbology. They found 3 new bugs in there system and discovered 3 existing bugs and are working with ESRI to fix them. There is a TAC from Metro GIS working on GIS policy. Community basemap work could happen to map areas of concentrated poverty. What poverty is where, why, and how can it be addressed are some the questions to answer. Data updates are happening on schedule. Ramsey County has no FEMA Flood Maps, FEMA is the place to look.
- Community Announcements** - Jolinda updated the group that Chelsea Peterson moved from Falcon Heights so we will have a new contact for Falcon Heights. The group talked about attending other GIS user groups to listen learn and report back to the group. Matt Koukol volunteered to provide a list of User Group contacts. Joel Koopp says Steve Lorbach (the RCGISUG webmaster) is retiring. Joel made suggestions for a WordPress or Google

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Blog platform to replace the current [www.rcgisug.com](http://www.rcgisug.com) website. A service award was presented to Mark Andrie for his service to the group over the last three years.

8. **Adjourn at 2:46 pm** - The next meeting will be held on Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>, from 2 - 4pm, at the Shoreview City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Niki Hill, Secretary.

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