



# RAMSEY COUNTY GIS USER GROUP

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## Meeting Minutes

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM April 9th, 2015

Shoreview City Hall, 4600 Victoria Street North

### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

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

John Jacobson, Ramsey County  
Chad Bergo, City of Maplewood  
Joel Keopp, City of Roseville  
Gustavo Castro, CRWD  
Niki Hill, City of Shoreview

Meeting called to order at 2:04 pm

- 2. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda** – Change the date of the minutes from February 6<sup>th</sup> to February 5<sup>th</sup>
- 3. Approval of the February 2015 Meeting Minutes** – Change the first line under the JPA status review to state the “Six” members, instead of “Seven.” The line stating “RCGISUG also has the data on their ftp site. Special project data (impervious surfaces) wouldn’t be available to non-members” was also struck from the minutes. Minutes – with changes - approved by consensus.
- 4. Ramsey County Data Updates & Aerial Imagery**– Matt Koukol from Ramsey County confirmed that both flights were completed. The Pictometry flight was completed the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March. The aerial was completed on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Some of the initial proofs from the Pictometry has been available to Ramsey County staff for viewing at this point. In about 2 weeks from today the self hosting data will be available. Matt will also make sure the SID file will be available locally. The impervious surface data will be used based upon what schema we want. The building footprint will be given but the rest of it would be broken up based on our desire. The planimetric data will be from the orthophoto.

The state will be doing an aerial with a buy up option. They will fly with 1ft grids but we can buy up to receive closer distances – 6 inches or 3 inches. The buy-up should be a smaller cost. The group was also curious about the differences in the 3 or 6 inch options as well as getting data a ½ mile into neighboring counties to help assist with projects, etc. Matt wasn’t sure about the differences in the 3 inch vs. 6 inch but suggested looking to their website. He wasn’t sure either about the ½ mile into neighboring counties but will look into that option for the group.

- 5. GIS Discussion Topics** – Chair Chad Bergo started off this year’s theme of GIS applications by showcasing what they have going on in Maplewood. They utilize ArcGIS online for an interactive map of Building Inspection files. The building footprint is used to link the property to the Laserfish Folder for the property. Chad gave the group members in attendance a demonstration of the tool. Joel Keopp stated that they have a monthly map / list of projects that they prepare for the Community Development Dept. The group also discussed ESRI’s Story Map of Development Activity example.

Ger Pha wanted to let everyone know that they use back door geocoding from Ramsey County now since ESRI has taken that feature away. Matt encouraged the use of the rest url service to do so as it is available.

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Arc 10.3 vs. ArcPro was discussed. Joel stated that pro is dramatically faster at editing – and for projects it is not restricted to one page – it can be multiple so you do not have to make separate versions depending on the size of the page. ArcGIS Pro Connects directly to ArcGIS online so the information is all in one place and you do not have to update it from one to the other anymore.

- 6. Community Announcements** – In 2 weeks Matt and Chad will be attending the Dakota County GIS User Group's meeting. The theme for their meeting is from the Lego Movie "Everything is Awesome". Matt and Chad will be giving the background and history of our group to Dakota County. The hope is that the groups can learn from each other and incorporate best practices for their groups.

Niki Hill announced that Shoreview will be hiring a GIS Specialist in the very near future and members should both keep an eye out and pass the word along to those they may know that would be interested.

The next GIS Discussion Topic will be on how we can incorporate GIS into Finance applications.

- 7. Adjourn at 3:12 pm** - The next meeting will be held on Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>, from 2 - 4pm, at the Shoreview City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Niki Hill, Secretary.

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