



RAMSEY COUNTY GIS USER GROUP

An alliance of communities sharing Geographical Information Systems

Meeting Minutes

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM June 4th, 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 Koepp, City of Roseville
Gustavo Castro, CRWD
Niki Hill, City of Shoreview

Meeting called to order at 2:06 pm

- 2. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda** – Change the date of the minutes from February 6th to February 5th
- 3. Approval of the February 2015 Meeting Minutes** – Change the first line under the JPA status review to stated 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 – Impervious Surface Coverage Discussion**– Gustavo Castro, Capital Region Watershed District gave the update on the impervious surface coverage discussions. A sheet was distributed that contained a wishlist of planimetric and impervious data that the County would like. The planimetric included waterbodies, waterlines (creeks, rivers), and railroad lines. The impervious data included building polygons, miscellaneous polygons, parking polygons, recreational polygons (features of parks, etc), and transportation polygons. Each of those polygons would have a list of values that they could be. The good news is that they can do most everything. Curb may be an issue though, as it will either be a standalone line or an attribute of the road. They can extract the skyway area separately so there is not one giant polygon of the buildings. They can do culvert class detail up to 10 fields.

The Pictometry flight was completed the 1st week of March and will be available soon. The aerial was completed on March 31st and will be available sometime in September or August.

- 5. GIS Discussion Topics** – Joel Koepp continued this year’s theme of GIS applications by showcasing what they have going on in Roseville. They have an interactive map that features their Neighborhood Enhancement Program and the inspector “Dave”. Residents can know the area where he will be in the near future so that they can get their property in compliance. The map included his inspection progress so you can see how much area has covered to date. Joel also showcased a map on EAB which utilized the US Dept of Ag’s infestation site. Lastly, Joel showed a map that showed the current development activity. He used Ramsey County’s geocoder to save credits on his ArcGis online as it is free.

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.

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6. **Community Announcements** – Matt and Chad will attended the Dakota County GIS User Group’s meeting. The theme for their meeting was from the Lego Movie “Everything is Awesome”. The meeting was more of a symposium with normal GIS, regional, and state representatives. They discussed the future of free access and the value of user groups. It is a topic that this group needs to start having conversations about. Is it useful for tools, software, easier access to data? What is the membership incentive.

7. **Adjourn at 2:56 pm** - The next meeting will be held on August 6th, from 2 - 4pm, at the Shoreview City Hall.
Minutes submitted by Niki Hill, Secretary.

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