



# RAMSEY COUNTY GIS USER GROUP

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## Meeting Minutes

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM December 3rd, 2015

Shoreview City Hall, 4600 Victoria Street North

### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Jolinda Stapleton, Roseville  
Ger Pha, St. Paul  
Jared Haas, City of Shoreview  
Chad Bergo, City of Maplewood  
Brian Jastram, MWMO  
James Lystad, Ramsey County

Niki Hill, City of Shoreview  
Carrie Magnuson, RWMWD  
Nate Christensen, City of White Bear Lake  
Tyler Thompson, VLAWMO  
Brian Corcoran, VLAWMO  
Mark Andrie, City of New Brighton

Meeting called to order at 2:04 pm

### 2. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

### 3. Approval of the August 2015 Meeting Minutes – Approved As is.

### 4. Ramsey County –James Lystad – James handed out an update that included:

1. Pictometry Orthoimagery –
  - a. RC hosted: We are still working with our System Admin folks on securing storage for this on our Raster Server. Once completed we will be setting up the Image Service.
  - b. Local Copies: RC has provided a hard drive with the file on it. Please share with the RCGIS members and return to Matt Koukol when completed.
    1. Location: E:\MNRAMS15-MOSAICS-LIB\Area Wide Mosaics\MNRAMS15-SID-4INCH
    2. 7.5 GB MrSID file along with associated data
    3. File is in Ramsey County Coordinates (US Foot)
2. Surdex Data
  - a. Ortho Photo: We have been told they should be here in a week. Once this arrives, RC will be moving them to our network storage, but will still have to wait to publish the Image Service until we have space in our Raster Server. We can make that available similarly to the Pictometry image above.
    1. Impervious Surface Data: Surdex will be providing Railroad Ballast areas, which were missing in the pilot data.
    2. Delivery has been pushed back to February from the end of the year. They have said that they would be able to deliver in pieces if we wish. We will plan on getting a chunk ahead of time to start QC processes.
  - b. Billing to RCGISUG: RC has paid the first portion of the costs for the Surdex project, but the bulk of the billing will come with the delivery of the Impervious Surface data. Ramsey County will submit a single bill to the User Group for \$150,059.00 based on the costs.
3. Address Editor: We have trained a couple people since the major effort. If your city is using it and having issues, please let us know. If your city does not have anyone trained, please see if you can talk to the address authority and work with us to get them up to speed.
4. New ArMap tools: James has put together a quick toolbar for accessing different mapping resources as well as RRInfo and the RC Tax Maps from within ArcMap. We will be putting that together in a package

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and sending it out as an Add-in for ArcMap that hopefully you will find useful. James can give a brief description of the tool now and, if needed, it's install and use at a future meeting.

Joel – In regards to the Surdex Data costs - at this point we are not sure of when the bills for the members will be sent out. It is usually sent out by White Bear Lake the first part of January. We do not see a need to increase fees as we have a healthy balance right now. Once we get the invoice we will then invoice the watershed districts for their portion of the costs. Additionally we may still need an intern budget for Ramsey County.

5. **Secretary Voting** – Chair Bergo asked if there was any volunteers for Secretary and explained the benefits of the 3 year commitment – including a trip to a national conference. At this time there were no volunteers so it was decided to forgo any vote and poll the members to see if we could find a volunteer.
6. **Community Announcements** – Brian Corcoran from VLAWMO stated that they had hired a new GIS person within their organization. He stated that Tyler Thompson was the new GIS Intern. Tyler gave us a brief introduction to himself as well as that he will have full-time employment after a probation/intern time period has lapsed in April of 2016. Tyler graduated from St. Cloud State University in December 2014 with a major in Environmental Studies, and a minor in GIS. His areas of experience and educational emphasis include stormwater BMP management, and wetland environments.

Jolinda stated that Rosevill did get a 1 user license for the NearMap (aerial photography). James stated that Ramsey County has since tried the program as well. Between the ArcMap version versus the online version, the ArcMap version was faster. Joel stated that it is the most current data out there – otherwise he was using MNGeo's 2012 data. Jolinda said at this point they plan to fly out 3 times next year. They play on 1 leaf off and 2 leaf on- most likely April, May and June. They will also fly for big events such as natural distasters or the Super Bowl, etc.

Chad stated that the next meeting would be on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The January meeting is traditionally a meeting for the officers to plan for the next year as well as a changing of the guard with a new secretary coming on board and Niki and Brian moving up.

Ger Pha stated that the City of St. Paul would be launcing a new website tomorrow that includes iFramed maps of precients, etc.

Jared Hass said that the City of Shoreview is looking to get ArcServer.

Joel said that the City of Roseville is hiring a Brownsfield consultant. Leash and Associates and SRF are going to work to get an interactive map of the Twin Lakes area that includes the Environemental Conditions of the area being put on a layer for every property. Things like soil boring logs, etc will be included. That way the City can share with potential developers. It will include PDFs for sharing and KML files for Google overlay. They will be able to add to it in the future. The majority of the work is just putting everything together as the data was already there.

Chad said that they are working on layers that include CUP, Planning, Building Documents, etc. Xcel did share their street light and billing data but it is not accurent and the point numbers do not match the data.

Ger noted that St. Paul is pushing out a winter parking application.

7. **Adjourn at 2:41 pm** - The next meeting will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 2 - 4pm, at the Shoreview City Hall. Secretary voting and end of year items will occur.

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Minutes submitted by Niki Hill, Secretary.

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