



# RAMSEY COUNTY GIS USER GROUP

An alliance of communities sharing Geographical Information Systems

## Meeting Minutes

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM September 8th, 2016

Shoreview City Hall, 4600 Victoria Street North

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – Meeting was called to order at 2:05
2. **Additions or Corrections to the Agenda** – As Matt Koukol from Ramsey County was not in attendance at this point it was suggested to swap agenda items 5 and 6. That motion was approved.
3. **Approval of the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Minutes** – Curt Peterson suggested to change the spelling of “Curdex” to “Surdex” in the meeting minutes. Approved by consensus.
4. **Secretary Update** – John Anderson, the former Secretary has left his position at the City of Arden Hills so the position is now vacant. We are looking to have the secretary position filled for the duration of the year and then we will need a new one for the upcoming year as well.
5. **GIS Topic Discussion** – Hennepin County - Total Station Scanner Demonstration – Two members of the Hennepin County survey crew gave a demonstration of the Leika Total Stations that also scan. They can scan up to 2,000 meters. The farthest that they have tested is 600 feet w/ the Grain Belt Sign from across the river. It is used for 3 D Modeling of projects – both inside and outside. Hennepin County has used it to survey utilities, buildings (tax forfeiture), and interiors of buildings as well as roads, bridges and ramps.
6. **Approval of Impervious Surface Data Invoice** – Joel gave an updated on the funds that the group currently has. He would like to see the fees either lowered / suspended for the group as our balance right now is quite high. Chair Jastrom asked if the previous vote on the invoice was sufficient or if they would need an updated one. Joel stated that he would prefer to have an updated vote on the invoice. Joel moved to allocate the movement of \$150,059 to pay for the aerial and impervious surface data and then to recoup the funds by invoice to both watersheds in the amount of \$26,577.50. Brian seconded the motion. It was passed by consensus.
7. **Ramsey County Updates** – Matt stated that Ramsey County is proposing that it would not produce the legacy feature classes any more. If users require the old feature classes most can be found by querying the existing classes. Jared Haas asked about local editing access. Matt responded that security is an issue so it might be difficult to talk them into a single password for sharing. It might be a possibility though. They’ll work on it.

Matt also stated that they are looking to get on GeoCommons before the end of the last month. They will be moving from the FTP site and would like to move to distributing to the MN GeoCommons. It simplifies things. Data would be shared in UTM Zone 15 extended. NCompass data set would not be included as this is not a data set they have permissions to distribute.

The proposed timeline is:

- All data is currently on MN Geospatial Commons (with the exception of impervious surface data).
- Proposed stop of phasing by December 2016 but it can be extended if need be.

8. **Community Announcements** – The Beacon software demo is all set for December 3<sup>rd</sup>. North St. Paul may have a opening for a GIS position at the end of the calendar year. You might want to start looking to see if anyone has time for billable hours, etc or entry level job. There is unique data and it is a good place to work.

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## 9. **Adjourn** – Meeting Adjourned

The next meeting will be on Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 2 - 4pm, at the Shoreview City Hall.  
Minutes submitted by Brian Jastram, Chair.

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