

# **Southeastern Minnesota GIS Users Group**

**Rochester Public Utilities – Rochester, MN**

**Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30 am - 12:00 pm**

*Meeting Minutes*

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## **Attendees:**

Debbie Persoon-Bement – MnDOT-Rochester  
Ryan Moore – Rochester Public Utilities  
Sarah Schrader – Goodhue County  
Alan Laumeyer – Goodhue County  
Leanne Knott – City of Red Wing  
Mark Engel – Yaggy Colby  
Tom Hoffmann – Winona County  
Todd Zielsdorf – Winona County  
Ashley Ignatius – St. Mary's University  
Michelle Trager – Rice County  
Ben Ogren – McGhie & Betts  
Shawn Gertken – Wabasha County  
Kevin Morrissey – Rochester Public Works

Greg Rowley – Rochester Public Utilities  
Matt Sapola – Olmsted County  
Dave Wavrin – Steele County  
Lawrence Svien – NRCS  
Del Stewart – Frontier Precision  
Danea Larson – Fillmore County  
Nick Meyers – Winona County  
Todd Zielsdorf – Winona County  
Jeanne Franz – City of Winona  
Bonnie Maffit – Minnesota Land Trust  
Vicki Markussen – 7 Rivers Alliance

## **10:00am Introductions**

4 new members attended this meeting!

## **Economic Gardening:**

**Nick Meyers – Winona County and Jeanne Franz – City of Winona**

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- Winona County is starting to use GIS to help with Economic Gardening to “provide necessary and critical information to help businesses thrive”.
- Check out ESRI's Community Analyst, “a web-based solution that provides GIS capabilities in a simple and easy-to-use framework”. ESRI is now offering a beta test of Community Analyst FREE for 90 days. For more information, click on the following link:  
<http://www.esri.com/software/arcgis/community-analyst/index.html>

## **Update on Regional SHIP Web Application Project**

**Nick Meyers – Winona County, Sarah Schrader – Goodhue County and Ashley Ignatius-St. Mary's University/Winona County intern**

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- Nine counties are part of a regional Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) grant and Rice and Olmsted counties each have their own SHIP grant. These eleven counties have joined together for a regional GIS web application project to create a Microsoft Silverlight-based web application to help promote healthy eating and active living for citizens within the southeastern 11 counties of Minnesota.
- The counties are working with Houston Engineering and a beta version of the public web application should be ready by the end of May. The goal is to have the finalized site go live by the end of June.
- The regional SHIP counties will also have a separate website to link users to the web application. The website is not yet complete but should be finished by mid to late-May.
- Winona County will be hosting the web application and website for the region. The goal is to create a Community Editor option where other county staff can easily edit the GIS data for the web application thereby streamlining the update process.

- Another goal is to have a mobile web application created with the same information as the main Silverlight-based web application. The current plan to have a mobile application created using Flash where the code can then be exported into formats that will be compatible with multiple mobile devices such as Android, I-phone, Blackberry and Windows.

### **New Trimble Technologies:**

#### **Del Stewart – Frontier Precisions**

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### **What's New at RPU:**

#### **Ryan Moore and Greg Rowley – Rochester Public Utilities**

- Moved from physical servers to virtual servers
- Upgraded to ArcGIS and ArcFM 9.3 on desktops. Laptops and ArcGIS Server have been upgraded to ArcGIS 10
- Purchased OCE scanner/plotter to replace old Xerox 8825 scanner plotter
- Purchased Trimble R8 survey grade gps to reduce time required for staking power poles. Previous method was to use mapping grade gps to approximate the distance between poles and use a transit to align them. Also using it for topo surveys and ROW verification.
- Implementing wireless at RPU facility that will allow for replication of Enterprise SDE database to laptops. Current process requires visiting each laptop with a USB drive to update the data.
- Currently updating code for custom ArcGIS and ArcFM tools to work with ArcGIS 10.

### **New Website for SEMNGIS users group:**

- Currently the SEMNGIS Yahoo Groups site only allows a maximum of 100MB of storage space and we currently have used 66% of that already. Having a site that is easily accessible by our members to view and download current and past meeting documentation is very important. Shawn Gertken of Wabasha County has created a website for the users group through Weebly.com for free. At this point there is no maximum storage amount which means this website will work great to archive all of our past meeting documents and copies of presentations. The Yahoo Groups site will remain in use as it works well for the messaging capabilities between members.
- To view the brand new users group website, go to: <http://semngis.weebly.com>

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 – Hosted by the City of Red Wing

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Meeting – Hosted by Wabasha County

**\*\*Members are encouraged to present at a future meeting and to offer suggestions of vendors or other agencies to present. Please contact a Steering Committee member or the next meeting's host if you are interested in presenting:**

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