

# **Southeastern Minnesota Counties GIS Users Group Meeting Minutes**

Owatonna, MN: 9:30am – 2:30pm, Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005

## **Attendees:**

Sarah Schrader, Goodhue County  
Michelle Trager, Rice County  
Phil Rosendale, City of Wabasha  
Tom Hoffman, Winona County  
Dave Wavrin, Steele County  
Shawn Gertken, Wabasha County  
Renee Vevea, GeoSpatial Services  
Kendis Scharenbroich, Pro-West & Associates

## **Introductions:**

There was 1 new person who attended the meeting.

## **Presentation: Internet/Intranet Applications, Web Subscription Services, & Wireless Applications**

- Kendis Scharenbroich, Pro-West & Associates

*(The full version of this powerpoint presentation is available in pdf format on the users group website)*

- About Pro-West & Associates
- Options for agencies to meet the growing demands for data and information
- Benefits of Web GIS
- Getting Started
- ArcIMS; Pros and Cons
- Potential Applications for Web GIS
- Subscription Services/Fees
- Future Applications for Web GIS – Wireless

## **Trivia Game!**

**Live Demonstration:** Internet site for Steele County and City of St. Cloud website.

- City of Moorhead's online mapping site also shows flood information. You can do basic flood modeling online. There is a shapefile listed for different water level options and you can search by PIN # or address to see if your house to see if your area will be affected.

## **Discussion:**

- Pricing estimates of ArcIMS and SDE software: ArcIMS: \$8000 plus \$2000/year maintenance (unlimited usage) SDE: \$10,000 plus \$3000/year maintenance
  - Tom Hoffman mentioned that to lower initial costs right away, a graduated payment plan for ESRI maintenance might be an available option.
- Wireless service for data-only through Sprint is roughly \$80/month
  - Or \$200 per wireless card (one-time fee)
  - Service areas for the wireless connections are similar to cell phone coverage areas

## **Presentation: "Development of a County GIS" – Dave Wavrin, Steele County**

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- History/Background of GIS in Steele County
  - Parcel Mapping
  - Aerial Photos
- GIS users within Steele County

- Software currently used by GIS Office
  - Uses AutoCAD for parcel mapping and the City of Owatonna uses it as well.
  - Runs a scheduled task to retrieve their updated AS400 information and add to their parcels automatically. The script was compiled by Pro West & Associates.
- Current responsibilities of GIS Office and Current GIS Projects
- Demo:
  - Parcel Creation/Maintenance
  - Rural Addressing
  - CCGIS
  - GIS web site
    - Site is linked to the County property tax website and vice versa
    - They have seen an estimated 50% reduction in phone calls from the public after the website went live.

### **Next Meeting:**

September 2005: Shawn Gertken of Wabasha County volunteered to host the next users group meeting in Wabasha. Renee Vevea of GeoSpatial Services volunteered to give a presentation. Phil Rosendale of the City of Wabasha suggested that the meeting be held on a Thursday. As the details of date and time are still being decided, an email notice will be sent out when the meeting information has been finalized. Please contact Shawn Gertken if there are any specific topics or information that you would like to have presented at the meeting. [sgertken@co.wabasha.mn.us](mailto:sgertken@co.wabasha.mn.us)