

**Southeastern Minnesota GIS Users Group**  
**Goodhue County Justice Center Building – 454 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Red Wing, MN**  
**Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 am - 12:00 pm**  
*Meeting Minutes*

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**Attendees:**

Dave Wavrin – Steele County  
Alan Laumeyer – Goodhue County  
Sarah Schrader – Goodhue County  
Kevin Alishouse - GIS Consultant  
Shawn Gertken – Wabasha County  
Greg Rowley – Rochester Public Utilities

Michelle Trager – Rice County  
Todd Zielsdorf – Winona County  
Nick Meyers – Winona County  
Ryan Moore – Rochester Public Utilities  
Greta Bernatz – Saint Mary's University/GeoSpatial Services

**10:00am      Introductions**

**GIS and Emergency Response – Perspective from County Building Dept**

- Alan Laumeyer of Goodhue County gave an overview of the response effort after the recent tornado event in Wadena and how GIS was used. A Goodhue County Building Inspector is part of the State's 'Go Team' and spent time in Wadena after the tornado event rating the damage done to local homes and other buildings.
- Discussion regarding the use of US National Grid (USNG) for other events around the region.
  - Dave from Steele County has created maps for this Emergency Management staff after the recent tornado events in their area. Pre-prepared USNG maps with address points could be very helpful for those people working after these events.
  - Winona County has created maps with 4kmX5km cells for Emergency Management purposes and are available for download on their website. They have not yet provided a hard copy set of maps for each of their Emergency Management groups yet.
  - Michelle from Rice County mentioned that people might be confused about the USNG and that it would be helpful to first show them the USNG maps and then explain it.
  - Nick Meyers of Winona County attended a Skywarn meeting and talked about USNG. The attendees there didn't seem to understand what USNG was all about.

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**Regional SHIP Project Update – GIS Web Application**

- Sarah Schrader of Goodhue County and Nick Meyers of Winona County gave an update on the regional Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) web application project.
- The southeastern MN regional SHIP group is working on creating a GIS web application based on ArcGIS Server and Microsoft Silverlight. The goal of this application is to "Create a GIS Application that will allow the public to interact with a map and partake in an active lifestyle".
- Some metro counties are also working on this project and the SE regional SHIP group is collaborating with them to share ideas regarding which datasets and other information or tools to include.
- The regional SHIP group is looking for feedback from the regional GIS staff regarding the web application and which datasets and information/tools to include. As the group moves forward with this project, there will be a need for additional GIS data for each county and a need for each county to provide updates for those datasets.
- Greg Rowley of Rochester Public Utilities commented that Pictometry Online is set up so that each agency has their own web service to push through data updates to one main web service. Maybe a

similar setup could be used for the regional SHIP web application. That way there would not be datasets being sent back and forth and the process would be easier.

**Schrader: Email all regional county GIS staff updated information regarding the regional SHIP web application project.**

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### **What's New in ArcGIS 10**

- Sarah Schrader and Nick Meyers presented on some of the new items available in ArcGIS 10. ArcGIS 10 is now available for download online or by requesting software media for installation. There is already information available online listing what is new/different in version 10 available on the ESRI website. Some of the more notable changes/updates include:
  - Updates with the editing interface
  - More integration with Python scripting
  - Map books are more integrated with ArcGIS
  - Updates to the parcel editor toolbar
  - Need to check on system requirements prior to installing version 10
- Version 9.x software will not work on a system that is using the version 10 license manager. The license manager version and ALL clients must use that same software version.
- Using SDE version 10 requires that all clients are also on version 10.
- **Tip:** Do not use the 'auto-uninstall' option for the ArcGIS 9.x software as it does not uninstall the license manager, just the software.

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### **Steering Committee Voting Results**

- 95 total votes were cast for the recent Steering Committee elections. Thank you to everyone for participating in the nominating and voting process. The Steering Committee members will serve a three-year term 2010-2012. Congratulations to the new Steering Committee members:
  - Shawn Gertken – Wabasha County
  - Leanne Knott – City of Red Wing
  - Ryan Moore – Rochester Public Utilities
  - Sarah Schrader – Goodhue County
  - Michelle Trager – Rice County
  - Dave Wavrin – Steele County

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

**\*\*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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