

Southeastern Minnesota GIS Users Group

Meeting Minutes

Goodhue County at Colvill Park, Red Wing, July 29, 2021 8:30-12:00 pm

Attendees:

Leanne Knott – Goodhue County
Adam Derringer – Ayres Associates
Tyler Grupa – OPU
Kate Scheurer – OPU
Tylor Schwartz – City of Faribault
Bryan Byholm – Goodhue County
Dave McCollister – Olmsted County
Teresa Blader – Olmsted County
Alex Johnson – WSB
Nelle McFarland – People’s Coop

Alan Laumeyer – Goodhue County
Justin Fuchs – Steele Rice 911 Center
Megan Lukas - WHKS
Kurt Berge – People’s Coop
Nick Flatgard – Steele County
Nancy Rader – MnGeo
Tim Loesch – MNIT
Curtis Webb – Austin Utilities
Keven Maxa – Austin Utilities
Justin Luttermann – LeSeur County

9:15 am Meeting Started

**Note: Meeting minutes for this Summer Meeting will include a short description of agenda items. No presentations were included due to the planned outdoor activities amid ongoing pandemic concerns and open discussion portions of the meeting.*

Greeting and Welcome

- Greeting and welcome from host Leanne Knott.

Eisenhower Bridge of Valor Walking Tour

Jay Owens – City of Red Wing

- City Engineer Jay Owens led participants on a walking tour of the recently completed Hwy. 63 bridge replacement project. Jay shared information about the use of geospatial data in project design and how the new bridge has improved driving, bike, and pedestrian connections to downtown Red Wing.

COVID Stories: Roundtable Discussion

Attendees

- Meeting attendees were encouraged to share their experience with COVID impacts in their workplace. Several participants described initial work from home challenges. Teresa Blader and Dave McCollister shared how the pandemic has created ongoing project opportunities with their Public Health Department. Tim Loesch from MNIT discussed planning for return to office work for their GIS staff and how the pandemic is changing work culture at the State.

Southeastern Minnesota LiDAR Flight Planning Updates

Tim Loesch, MNIT

- Tim Loesch provided an update from the Geospatial Advisory Commission 3D Geomatics Committee on the current Q1 quality LiDAR flight plan for portions of the state. Tim also talked about challenges with flight planning and the lag issue with different years of flights for different counties. Issues of vertical accuracy and associated costs were also discussed.

State Updates

Nancy Rader (GAC) & Leanne Knott (GIS/LIS Consortium)

- Nancy Rader with MnGeo gave an overview of the Geospatial Advisory Commission mission and priorities. Leanne Knott (GAC Ex-officio) shared an update on the upcoming Fall Conference in St. Cloud (October 13-15) including planning and registration.

Steering Committee Business Meeting

- **The Steering Committee is hoping to return to our more traditional meeting format in February 2022. We will be reaching out to potential meeting hosts later this fall.**
- **Steering Committee elections will be announced at that meeting.**

12:00 pm Meeting Adjourned

** 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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