

Southeastern Minnesota GIS Users Group

Meeting Minutes

People's Energy Coop, March 7 2024 8:30-12:00 pm

Attendees:

Leanne Knott – Goodhue County
Adam Derringer – Ayres Associates
Olivia Luther – Winona County
Jackson Miller – Dodge County
Teresa Blader – Olmsted County
Lauren Cornelius – Dodge County
Keith Bollinger – Mower County
Ashley Ignatius - MPCA
Dave McCollister – Olmsted County
Bryan Byholm – Goodhue County
Megan Sisko – MnGeo
Allen Hendriks – FMEC
Paul Zunkle – Rice County

Kurt Berge – People's Energy Coop
Ryan Moore – RPU
Eric Miller – Mower County
Earl Merchlewitz – Goodhue County
Curtis Webb – Austin Utilities
Michelle Trager – Rice County
Amy Larson – RPU
Zach Kosel – Winona County
Nelle Dvorak – People's Energy Coop
Tyler Grupa - OPU
Curt Carlson – MnGeo
Mike Rask – City of Austin
Chad Hanson – HSEM

9:00 am Meeting Started

Greeting and Welcome

- Greeting and welcome from Leanne Knott.

People's Energy Cooperative Intro

Kurt Berge, PEC

- Kurt Berge provided a summary of GIS activities at People's Energy Cooperative including facts about service area, role with other regional energy providers and utilization of NISC software for workflows.

GIS and Communication for City Growth

Jay Forstner, City of Rochester

- Jay Forstner presented on recent efforts to leverage Esri ArcGIS Online apps to

facilitate and promote public communications on upcoming projects within City of Rochester. Apps demonstrated included Hub, Experience Builder, Story Maps, and ArcGIS Urban.

Extending Utility Workflows with Esri's Experience Builder

Amy Larson, RPU

- Amy Larson presented on the future of utilities web apps utilizing Esri Experience web apps platform. Amy provided a high-level overview of app functionality, including common use cases, configuration and customization, templates, widgets, and working with Esri Utility Network.

Goodhue County Emergency Management/HSEM SEAR Application

Earl Merchlewitz, Goodhue County, Chad Hanson HSEM

- Earl Merchlewitz and Chad Hanson presented on GIS applications for Goodhue County Emergency Management and also HSEM SEAR web app, which is designed to coordinate mitigation efforts between counties and State of Minnesota during mid-sized public event. Bryan Byholm with Goodhue County demonstrated several GIS applications in the EM suite.

State Updates

Leanne Knott (GIS/LIS Consortium & Geospatial Advisory Commission)

- Leanne Knott shared an update on MnGeo GAC initiatives and upcoming GIS/LIS Board events.

Steering Committee Business Meeting

- **Leanne Knott will be hosting the Summer Meeting at He Mn Can-Barn Bluff on Aug. 1, 2024 in Red Wing.**

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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