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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 5th, 2020
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
 Zoom Meeting

Nate Zwonitzer, CRWD	Tyler Thompson, VLAWMO
Sam Klimoski, Saint Paul	Justin Markon, Falcon Heights
Jolinda Stapleton, Roseville	Brian Jastram, MWMO
Dan Holzemer, White Bear Lake	Mike Mrosla, Arden Hills
Niki Hill, Shoreview	Len Cacioppo, Gem Lake
Jon Sevald, Mounds View	Donovan O'Connor, Saint Paul
Geoff Maas, Ramsey County	

1. Call to order, introductions, and brief statement on what you've been working on

- Chair Nate Zwonitzer called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM
- Introductions
 - Nate Zwonitzer, CRWD: closing out some capital projects that have been in the works 3-4 years (habitat restoration project, underground)
 - Sam Klimoski, Saint Paul: CARES funding efforts
 - Tyler Thompson, VLAWMO: closing out capital project, going smooth and will wrap up nicely, end of year stuff...best management cost share program, board approval to update that.
 - Jolinda Stapleton, Roseville: New green corps employee in engineering dept, solar coverage study, this time of year bugs people to get as built data.
 - Jake Garibay, Moundsview: Certified by FAA for drone flights, this fall will be proof of concept for data collection and aerial imagery, working to convince council on something bigger, want to be able to capture easements that they don't have
 - Len Cacioppo, Gem Lake: Watching out for Gem Lake
 - Donovan O'Connor, Saint Paul: tunnel projects, bid out 1.5 million tunnel job, continuing to update GIS dataset
 - Brian Jastram, MWMO: measuring what they have captured in the regional stormwater treatment facility, in the process of cleaning it out. Deployed a weather station at the water reuse tank. Lots of field work.
 - Renee Huset, SPRWS: Clarified her role and plan for involvement
 - Adam Worm, SPRWS:
 - Geoff Maas, Ramsey County: studying to take FAA exam, more in County section



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- Dan Holzemer, White Bear: final the mill and overlay project before then end of the year, first try at geocoding but didn't go well. Acting as inbetween for the adopt a hydrant program. WBL fire serves multiple communities - becomes challenging

2. Additions or corrections to the agenda

There were no additions/corrections to the agenda.

3. Approval of September 17, 2020 meeting minutes

The minutes for September 17, 2020 were approved by unanimous consent.

4. Member Presentation (Donovan O'Connor)

Donovan O'Connor from Saint Paul Sewers presented on how they are using GIS to manage the City's sewer infrastructure and how they use web GIS to provide important sewer information to staff throughout the sewer division of public works.

5. 2021-2025 JPA status/reminder (Nate Zwonitzer)

Twelve agencies have sent their signed JPA to the Gmail account. Eight remaining. Jake inquired about dues and inclusion on JPA. Will check on Moundsview status.

6. 2021 Budget (Tyler Thompson) VOTE TO APPROVE

Nate Zwonitzer outlined the characteristics of the proposed budget and why we need to do that. Tyler went through the proposed budget reviewing the planned cost for next year. One thing included is the Esri User Conference in case it still happens.

Jolinda Stapleton asked if the payment for 2020 aerial flight was included or already paid. Tyler indicated this budget did not include that cost. Jolinda explained that in previous years there had been concerns about the Nearmap costs would be increasing including our match. Tyler indicated that Ramsey County's efforts at contracting kept that cost down.

Jolinda moved to approve the 2021 Ramsey County GIS User Group budget. Len Cacciopo seconded. Unanimous approval.

7. Officer Roles/Responsibilities (Sam)

Sam Klimoski reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the RCGISUG officer positions. The existing officers crafted a document outlining the officer positions and their primary



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8. 2021 Secretary and Vice Chair positions

Nate Zwonitzer outlined officer role needs. He explained that Jolinda Stapleton is willing to act as vice chair and that Jacob Garibay is willing to act as secretary. **Sam moved to approve the appointment of Jolinda Stapleton as vice chair of the Ramsey County GIS User Group and the appointment of Jacob Garibay as secretary of the Ramsey County GIS User Group for the year 2021. Carrie Magnuson seconded. Motion passed unanimously**

9. Special project options for 2021 (LiDAR, intern for easement mapping) (Sam)

Sam reviewed the potential interest in using RCGISUG funding to support an intern that could be used to conduct mapping efforts that would improve easement data. The group discussed the value this would bring and Geoff Maas indicated that the county may have interest in being the organization to hire the intern. More discussion is needed to formalize how that might work.

10. Ramsey County update

Geoff Maas shared updates on the following topics:

- JPA with county and user group scheduled to go before the board week of 11/9
 - Amended the old agreement
- Surdex Imagery: final colore corrections, will be in Map Ramsey, start circulating hard drive
 - Geoff will connect with Jolinda. Then Jolinda will get them to sSam
- County strategic plan for imager
 - Once ready, RCGISUG will provide feedback
 - Online meeting in December
 - State planning to fly LiDAR and gathering feedback
 - For LiDAR, there's potential for the county and user group to go in together, but need solid business justification
 - Presented graphic about the plan
 - Jolinda asked for as simplified document to use to justify funding
 - RFI for imagery out 10/16, closes 11/17
- County Drone Policy
 - 4 page white paper on how county would leverage drones and what should be involved when considering work
 - Designed for leadership
- County Survey Map



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- 1/5 of plats not available
- County surveyor working through updating the rest
- Stormwater Standard
 - A consultant is interested in the model and what the project has done
 - SecondNature Software (Esri Partner)
 - Ended review period on 10/30
 - Continued plan for growth but lower urgency
- Community Garden Inventory
 - Effort map community gardens throughout the county
- General Updates
 - 10.8.1
 - Election support work
 - Food access map
 - NextGen 911 deployment
 - Redistricting

11. Discussion on future content and meeting locations

Sam Klimoski discussed some ideas for future topics for presentations with a particular focus on addressing and parcel data discussion.

12. Community Announcements

Geoff Maas discussed the interest in easements and asked for a city volunteer as a pilot project. Jake chimed in to discuss the potential for Moundsvew to act as a pilot for how improvements to the easements may help.

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 PM.