

SW MN GIS Users Group

10 am July 16, 2008

Lyon County Public Works Building in Marshall

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Ardis Hotzler – Jackson Co	Charles Kost – SMSU
Ryan Wendt – Lyon Co	Mark Volz – Lyon Co
Marlene Smith – Cottonwood Co	Emma Volz – Lincoln Co
Arlyn Gehrke – Rock Co	Jeff Sehr – Rock Co
Jim Hagedorn – Banner Assoc	

Group Introductions and Items for discussion:

In June as part of the Governor's Drive to Excellence; Ryan Wendt, Mark Volz, and Charlie Kost attended a meeting of outstate stakeholders to help shape the future of GIS coordination within the state government.

Jim Hagedorn started a discussion about the differences in county data management practices between Iowa, South Dakota, and Minnesota and the issue of whether or not to collect fees for use.

Arlyn Gehrke showed the group the beta GeoMoose sites for Rock Co that will be hosted by Houston Engineering.

The group looked at the MCGISA website (<http://www.mcgisa.net/>) and discussed information about becoming members.

Presentation:

Web mapping ideas for SW Minnesota - Mark Volz

Mark Volz presented Geomoose, a free internet mapping application. He began by showcasing several active Geomoose sites such as The City of St Paul, MN GISmo, Mcleod County Online GIS Mapping, and Lyon County Online Mapping. During that time he showcased some of the features of Geomoose, including but not limited to: printing pdf maps, search for parcels by attribute, identify, pull up pictometry, and measure. The general consensus of the group was that Geomoose could be a desirable program to implement web mapping for our region. The group discussed ideas for consistency in regional web mapping/GIS sites. The discussion was based around the idea of giving users of GIS sites in the region a seamless experience in getting information across political boundaries. The idea of creating a regional site vs creating a common interface was the basis of most of the comments. The group decided to have a group of volunteers to start meeting to move forward in a project to move the region forward in the presentation of regional GIS information.

Next Meeting:

October 15th, 2008 - Location undecided.

Topic: Web Mapping Services (WMS) – Charlie will contact vendors to find a presenter.