

GIS Users Group in Southwest Minnesota meeting
Held on September 11, 2002
At Lyon County Governmental Center
Marshall, Minnesota
Meeting time: 10: 00 a.m.

The GIS users meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Charlie Kost, who stated that at any time, others attending the meetings could volunteer to lead the group. Not finding any volunteers, Charlie started the meeting with introductions. Naoko Meyer from DNR out of New Ulm was a new face, and we welcomed her. She stated that there is a group of GIS users in the Mankato area that is starting a users group such as ours. The idea of extending the reach of our group was discussed. Naoko will bring up the idea with her associates for discussion at future meetings.

Current Events

Chris Winter talked about the FEMA floodplain mapping initiative.
Charlie Kost talked about the MN Governor's Council on Geographic Information (www.gis.state.mn.us) and the Land Records Modernization (LRM) committee work on the portion of the federal I-Plan for establishing a nation wide parcel data layer.
The group discussed plans for the upcoming GIS Day. Charlie, Naoko, and Chris met after the meeting to discuss possibly planning a GIS Day event with a local school.

Presentation

Chris Winter, Lyon County GIS Coordinator, gave a very thorough and impressive presentation on the Arc-GIS program. He took us through various available options, and showed us the use of many of the tools available.

Plan the next meeting

The next meeting is planned to be held on December 11, 2002. The meeting is scheduled to be held at 10:00am at Lyon County. The presentation topic will be a round table discussion of participants current use of GIS.

Minutes created by Cindy Potz and edited by Charlie Kost.

Members present:

Charlie Kost, SSU GIS Center	Geoff Cunfer, SSU
Dennis Guse, Schwan's	Byron Swart, Nobles County
Greg Swanson, City of Marshall	Chris Hansen, Murray County
Naoko Meyer, MN DNR-New Ulm	Wade Gillingham, MPCA-Marshall
Kane Radel, Redwood County SWCD	Stephanie McLain, Pipestone Natl Monument
Joel Connot, RCRCA	Jean Christoffels, Murray County
Cindy Potz, Yellow Medicine River Watershed	John Biren, Lyon County
Jolene Johnson, Yellow Medicine County Zoning	Paula Torstenson, Farm Credit Svc of MN Valley
Chris Winter, Lyon County	Tony LaSota, Schwan's
Jay Fuhr, Airborne Data Systems	