

July Southwest Minnesota GIS Users Group Minutes

Wednesday July 9th at 10:00am at Southwest Minnesota State
University in the GIS Center located in the Science and Math Building room
SM208.

Minutes:

- **Introductions** – Roundtable discussion on what members are working on in their GIS programs. SWRDC mentioned GIS uses in Comprehensive Plans and some new use with GPS units. Nobles County mentioned their current parcel map initiative and the funds the commissioners have dedicated to Parcel GIS. MPCA mentioned some watershed mapping efforts that are underway. Pipestone National Monument was reorganizing their GIS data.

- **Current Events**

- **Presentation** – SMSU student projects – Dr. Geoff Cunfer, B J Justice-Kamp

Dr. Cunfer began the presentation speaking about the advent of the GIS center and the different equipment that the center maintains for GIS uses. A large variety of colleges and disciplines use the SMSU GIS Center, for a variety of GIS projects ranging from business applications to natural resource related projects. Dr. Cunfer went through a number of different student projects from the Transportation Study of Murray County to Wetland Mitigation Projects. BJ Justice Kamp followed with a presentation on the uses of GIS in putting a business development plan together for Southwest Minnesota. She gave a very in depth look at the different surveys and forms of data used to put the plan together and how GIS was utilized in this process.

- **Problems and technical issues**

- **Plan the next meeting**

- October 8th @ 10:00am – topic will be decided on as the meeting approaches.

Attendees:

Geoff Cunfer, SMSU - CRRS

Dale Kohlmetz, Pipestone National Monument

Wayne Smith, Nobles County

Ross Eichens, Lyon County SWCD

Clint Sires, SRDC

Wade Gillingham, MPCA

Pam Meyer, MPCA

Janet Timmerman, SMSU - CRRS

B J Justice-Kamp, SMSU student

Chris Winter, Lyon County