

## **October Southwest Minnesota GIS Users Group Minutes**

Wednesday October 15, 2003 at 10 am in the conference room of the Lyon County Public Works Building at the fairgrounds in Marshall, Mn

### Minutes:

- After introductions, Charlie Kost gave an update on the reauthorization of the Governor's Council on Geographic Information. Chris Winter talked about the annual GIS/LIS meeting in St. Paul.
- The presentation was a demonstration using ArcView to display the new FSA color aerial photography (MrSID image file format) available for southern Minnesota counties. Charlie Kost demonstrated a file download of the FSA 2002 color photography from the LMIC website and a file download of the USGS DOQ 1991 black and white photography from the DNR Data Deli website. The downloaded images were displayed and compared for spatial consistency and resolution using ArcView software. The group also looked at the metadata to judge the spatial accuracy expected from each product.
- The next meeting was planned for Wednesday, January 14, 2004 at 10 am at the Rock County Ag Service Center in LuVerne. Arlyn Gehrke will prepare a demonstration of Rock County's use of GIS and feedlot information.

### Attendees:

Charlie Kost, SMSU  
Corey Hanson, DNR Marshall  
Kane Radel, Redwood SWCD  
Joel Connot, Schwan Home Service – West  
Pam Frieson, Murray County Assessor Office  
Jean Christoffels, Murray County Environmental Services  
Arlyn Gehrke, Rock County Land Management Office  
Tom Kresko, BWSR  
Jeff S, Rock County SWCD  
Chris Winter, Lyon County  
Wayne Smith, Nobles County  
John Polasky, The Schwan Food Company