

MINUTES
McLEAN COUNTY GIS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, August 21st, 2009, 10:30 a.m.
Government Center Room 404

Members Present

Paul Russell, Executive Director - McLean County Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC) (joined meeting at 10:43); Jim Karch, Director Public Works, City of Bloomington (COB); Phil Dick, Director - Building and Zoning, McLean County (MC); Mike Ireland, Assessor - City of Bloomington Township (COBT) (joined meeting at 10:45); Mike Hall, Director of Public Works - Town of Normal (TON).

Members Absent

Tony Cannon, Executive Director - Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB/911)

Others Present

Khalid Hasan, GIS Director; Bill Jackson, GIS Coordinator - MCRPC; Joshua Thompson, GIS Specialist - MC Supervisor of Assessments Office (SOA); Cassidy Killian, GIS Coordinator - TON IT; Leah Sweeney, GIS Specialist; Justin Nettleton, GIS Technician - MC IT, Troy Olson, GIS Specialist - COB ENG, Eric Geurts, Project Engineer - MC HWY; John Hendershott, Environmental Health Programs Supervisor - MC Health.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Hasan noted that Mr. Russell was absent due to an emergency and called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

2. Attendance

Attendance was recorded by Mr. Jackson.

3. Consent Agenda

Mr. Dick motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, Mr. Hall seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Items of Business

No items of business.

5. Information / Discussion Items

A. Digital Submittals

Mr. Olson reported that a focus group for this task met August 20th. The group discussed requirements for digital files and simplifying detailed symbology specifications such as layers, colors etc. Mr. Olson will share first draft at the next management meeting.

B. Orthophotography/LiDAR Project Updates

Mr. Jackson reported that the final county-wide MrSID mosaics had been received as two separate mosaics - instead of one; one for the 2007 rural flight, and one for the urban area. Mr.

Jackson explained that the mosaics when overlaid together showed undesirable artifacts. The problem was reported to the vendor who explained that this was an issue inherent in the MrSID compression software used to create the mosaics. The vendor is now running workaround processes to create three separate mosaics in an effort to create images for simultaneous viewing. These images as well as several missing TIN and DEM tiles are the remaining deliverables.

C. GIS Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Hasan reported that interview summaries were being reviewed and updated by the participant departments.

D. Farnsworth Group 1972 Aerial Offer

Mr. Hasan reported that Mr. Russ Warren of the Farnsworth Group had offered to provide a 41x41 inch black/white 1972 aerial photograph pro bono to the consortium for scanning. Mr. Warren suggested that the photos be scanned into digital form and made available to all through the public GIS website.

E. Other Discussion Items that May Arise

Mr. Hall asked if it was known what the budgetary request for next fiscal would be. Mr. Russell indicated it was not yet known, but if a figure was needed at this time, an amount similar to previous year could be used.

6. Adjournment

The regular meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next scheduled meeting of this committee, pending items of business and availability of members, is September 18th, 10:30 a.m. in Room 404 at the Government Center.

7. Executive Session

No executive session was required.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Jackson,
GIS Coordinator, MCRPC