

Minutes, McDonough County GIS Committee

The **May 2004** meeting of the McDonough County GIS Committee was held on Friday, May 14, 2004 at 2:00 PM at the McDonough County GIS Center. The following persons attended the meeting:

Dr. Charles Ehlschlaeger, Western Illinois University
Dr. Chris Sutton, Western Illinois University
Dr. Charles Gilbert, City of Macomb
Brock Terry, McDonough County Assessor's Office
Mike Hays, City of Macomb
Gary Ziegler, Western Illinois Regional Council
Susan DiGrino, no organization stated on signup sheet
Jessica Foster, 911/Macomb-McDonough County Communications Center
Claude Hanhart, Western Illinois University

Agenda items discussed at the meeting included the following:

An interim Web site has been created, which contains maps, documents for review/discussion and the GIS Committee meeting outline. The Web site can be found at:

<http://faculty.wiu.edu/CR-Ehlschlaeger2/GISCenter/index.html>.

Josh Richardson (McDonough County Highway Dept.) received the grant for the bridge project. He is interested in hiring two student workers over the entire summer at 40 hours a week. It will take 1-2 weeks to finalize the survey grade GPS equipment purchase from Leica. The equipment will be purchased at a 40% educational discount. Financial transaction issues need to be resolved between Josh and Dan Wise (both for GPS equipment and student workers). For the educational discount to be valid, the equipment will need to be available for educational purposes. Josh wants an agreement clarifying this. After purchase, a professional installation will have to be assured. The current plan is to install the base station on Tillman Hall's roof; this would need assistance from Physical Plant. After installation, it will take approximately another 5 days to get the base station fully operational. In other words, the bridge project will kick-off most likely first or second week of June, earliest.

There is enough information available for the water distribution system. The Center is in touch with the Public Works Department (Terry Wrestler). Start date for this project will depend on when the GPS equipment will become available.

Voting GIS Committee members need to review three documents: Proposed prices for McDonough County data layers; proposed license agreement for McDonough County data layers; and Interim policy for McDonough County GIS Center. Concerned citizens and stakeholders should review these documents and propose changes or comments to Charles Ehlschlaeger via email: cre111@wiu.edu. These documents, proposed changes, and comments will be discussed, modified, and voted on at the next GIS Committee meeting.

There is an interest to have a Powerpoint presentation developed for presenting the City's GIS involvement to the public. If given two weeks notice, Chuck Ehlschlaeger has offered to give such a presentation to the City Council and County Board meeting.

At the end of the meeting several questions came up regarding data usage/sharing issues within the County (ArcReader, ArcPublisher, ArcIMS). 911 has an interest to have the Center look at some of their data holdings and explore possibilities (software/hardware).

The next GIS Committee meeting is scheduled for **Friday, June 11 at 2:00 PM**, to be held at the McDonough County GIS Center, Western Illinois University, 203 Tillman Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.