

Minutes

McDonough County GIS Committee

The **July 2004** meeting of the McDonough County GIS Committee was held on Friday, July 9 at 2:00 PM at the McDonough County GIS Center. The following persons attended the meeting:

Dr. Charles Ehlschlaeger, Western Illinois University
Dr. Charles Gilbert, City of Macomb
Dr. Dan Wise, Western Illinois University
Brock Terry, McDonough County Assessor's Office
Josh Richardson, McDonough County Highway Department
Noel Oliver, 911/Macomb-McDonough County Communications Center
Susan DiGrino, McDonough County Health Department
Claude Hanhart, Western Illinois University

Agenda items discussed at the meeting included the following:

The June 11, 2004 meeting minutes have been approved.

Minor changes were proposed to the "Interim policy for the McDonough County GIS Center"; an additional paragraph will be added to reflect cost/material recovery issues. The policy will be voted on at the next meeting.

The GIS Center is continuing to work on the E911 road layer issues outlined at the last meeting. In this development process the GIS Center identified the necessity to verify the so-called 'Village Corporate' boundaries, which in turn are essential to properly apply the E911 MSAG. 'Village Corporate' boundary maps will be printed and sent to the appropriate people who have the knowledge to determine the accuracy.

An agreement still needs to be set up between WIU and the Highway Dept. regarding the survey grade GPS equipment for insurance purposes. The GIS Committee has agreed on purchasing a second PDL radio (approx. \$3500), which will cover the entire county. First, the FCC needs to approve this. The GIS Center is also still waiting for the FCC to approve the first radio. The Highway Dept. is organizing all the necessary materials to install the base station on Tillman Hall's roof.

The students working on the bridge project have completed digitizing all point information (approx. 300 bridges and 4200 culverts). On average, about two GPS points per feature will be necessary. The time frame for this is still unknown.

The GIS Center continues to develop various data layers which in turn will be provided to the U.S. Census Bureau towards a more accurate 2010 census.

The next GIS Committee meeting is scheduled for **Friday, August 20, 2004 at 2:00 PM**, to be held at the McDonough County GIS Center, Western Illinois University, 203 Tillman Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.