

## Minutes

### McDonough County GIS Committee

The **June 2005** meeting of the McDonough County GIS Committee was held on Friday, June 2, 2005 at 2:00 PM at the McDonough County GIS Center. The following persons attended the meeting:

Dr. Dan Wise, Western Illinois University  
Dr. Charles Gilbert, City of Macomb  
Scott Hance, McDonough County Highway Dept.  
Dr. Charles Ehlschlaeger, Western Illinois University  
Brock Terry, McDonough County Assessors Office  
Chad Sperry, Western Illinois University  
Mike Hays, City of Macomb  
Bob Mahrt, City of Macomb  
Gary Ziegler, Western Illinois Regional Council

Agenda items discussed at the meeting included the following:

- **Minutes from the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.**
- **Freedom of Information Act** - The recent Attorney General ruling regarding the Freedom of Information Act was discussed. It was agreed that we should seek university council on this matter to gain an understanding of the impacts to WIU as the keeper of this GIS data.
- **Sign, Bridge, Culvert Project Update** - It was reported that the GIS Center is approximately 60% complete with the sign inventory. A meeting will be scheduled with Scott Hance to refine data collection aspects for bridges and culverts. It was also decided that the GIS Center will make a presentation to the Road and Bridge Committee showing the status to-date.
- **Tax District Mapping update** - There was no update to report at this time. The information is in the hands of the County Clerk/Recorders Office. This office has indicated that once tax bills have been mailed they will be able to focus on bringing this to a resolution.
- **City Utility Mapping Project** – Meetings with City staff have identified the SE portion of Macomb as the starting point for the utility mapping project. We will be collecting with GPS the locations of valves, hydrants and meter pits. Once this is complete the water lines will be drawn in the office by “connecting the dots”. It was agreed that the GIS Center will map above ground features (valves, hydrants, meter pits) that are easily found, the Public Works Department can assist with marking features that are buried or difficult to locate in the field.
- **GPS Base Station Upgrade** – It was announced that we are in the process of establishing our base station through the National Geodetic as a Continuously Operating Reference Station. This will provide a much needed base station for West Central Illinois. Access to GPS correction factors will be made available to all.
- **Illinois Department of Revenue** - The Illinois Department of Revenue contacted the GIS Center concerning taxing district boundaries that had previously been sent to their office by the County. It was discussed that we are working to correct the taxing district boundaries. IDOR is supportive of these efforts and has requested that once this project is complete that the up-to-date files be sent to them.

- **Addressing Subcommittee** – The addressing subcommittee met prior to the GIS Committee Meeting. Most in attendance at the GIS Committee Meeting were also present at the Addressing Meeting, so little discussion took place.
- **Next meeting date** The next GIS Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 8, 2005 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.