

## Minutes

### McDonough County GIS Committee

The **September 2005** meeting of the McDonough County GIS Committee was held on Thursday, September 8, 2005 at 2:00 PM at the McDonough County GIS Center. The following persons attended the meeting:

Dr. Dan Wise, Western Illinois University	Chad Sperry, Western Illinois University
Dr. Charles Gilbert, City of Macomb	Mike Hays, City of Macomb
Glen Foster, McDonough County Board	Noel Oliver, 911
Dr. Charles Ehlschlaeger, Western Illinois University	Tom Hickman, McDonough County Highway Department
Brock Terry, McDonough County Assessors Office	Kei Nozaki, Western Illinois University

Agenda items discussed at the meeting included the following:

- **Minutes from the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.**
- **New Personnel Introductions** – Glen Foster, Chariman of the McDonough County Board Finance Committee and Tom Hickman, McDonough County Engineer were introduced.
- **Sign, Bridge, Culvert Project Update** –a report and maps were provided to the Highway Department listing signs with excessive cracking, bullets holes, etc. The IDOT grant requirements need to be reviewed to ensure compliance, Tom H agreed to research this. There needs to be a discussion on the data collection project for the bridge, particularly, what aspects of the inspection/reporting will the students be performing.
- **Tax District Mapping update** – The Center continues to work with the Clerk/Recorders Office on school district issues. The next taxing district will be corporate boundaries, this will be performed as a component of the addressing project.
- **City Utility Mapping Project** – Data collection is proceeding slowly. The GIS Center is scheduled to brief the City Council at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.
- **Parcel Administrative Issues** – Brock reported on updates to the Farmland Assessment Bulletin 810 and the potential impacts to local taxpayers.
- **GPS Base Station Updates** – the permanent base station is operational and communicating with a PC. Regular files are being generated and sent to an FTP site. Local surveyors have been using the base station will success. The next step is to get the base station listed as a CORS station.
- **Enterprise Zone review by the Illinois Department of Agriculture** – Digital GIS maps were included as part of the submittal and the Department of Agriculture noted the ease of the review due to the use of GIS.
- **ArcReader Software setup** – a free GIS viewer and local data has been setup at the Public Works Office, 911, Zoning and Community Development, and McDonough County Highway Dept. Customized applications were configured for the different offices. Additional offices include the Macomb City Administrator's PC. Noel will work with the Sheriffs Office to issue a press release.
- **Addressing Committee** – a proposal has been generated to present to the McDonough County Finance Committee on Sept 14<sup>th</sup>

- **Public Works GIS Software setup** – It was presented that a free GIS viewer and local data were installed at the Public Works Department; this is similar to the system Brock installed at the Zoning Office. Additional offices include 911 and the Highway Department.
- **Aerial Photography** – A worksheet was distributed listing the advantages and disadvantages of the different aerial photography options available. There was agreement that an update to our low flight photography is needed, it is unclear how this project will be financed. Possibilities include partnering with neighboring counties and increasing the recorder's fee.
- **GPS Training** – it was reported that 18 individuals from McDonough County, 911, and WIU attended the training held on Friday, September 2, 2005
- **Selection of future GIS Committee meeting dates** – it was agreed that Friday afternoons and 2:00 work well for a meeting time.
- **Next meeting date** The next GIS Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 12, 2005 at 2:00 PM, to be held at the GIS Center, Western Illinois University, 203 Tillman Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.