

Minutes

McDonough County GIS Committee

The May 2010 meeting of the McDonough County GIS committee was held Friday, May 14, 2010 at 2:00 pm in Tillman Hall 301F. The following people attended the meeting:

Glenn Foster, McDonough County
Noel Oliver, McDonough 9-1-1
Chad Sperry, WIU GIS Center

Tim Schroll, WIU GIS Center
Kei Nozaki, WIU GIS Center
Tammy Camp, County Assessor

- 1. Parcel Database Issues:** The switch to the new software DevNet created some issues at the Count Assessor's office. The issue was centered on data transfer from the new system to the updating program used to distribute the new data to other users. The resolution is close. Chad will be working with the company and expects to having things working smoothly soon.
- 2. GIS Data Updating:** Updating of the consortium member offices is being revised due to changes on the WIU campus network. The automated updating program was altered to provide a work-around to the recent change on the campus network security. Chad wants to get all members up and running with the new updates. With the recent change in internet connection at McDonough County 911 they should be able to now have the latest information on a daily basis. In the past this has been a problem which mandated a manual data transfer from a portable hard drive.
- 3. Macomb Road Condition map:** The updated version of the City of Macomb road condition map has been delivered. Kei worked with Barbra at Public Works to get the updates entered and maps printed.
- 4. Spring 2010 Aerial Photography:** The Spring 2010 aerial photography flights were all completed successfully and on time. Kucera has delivered uncorrected samples of each county. Chad directed everyone to the samples attached to the agenda. Everyone agreed that the color would be a helpful addition to the black and white. Chad pointed out how much the pavement in the downtown area stood out in color. Tammy Camp liked the way you could see into the shadows better with color which would help them in their measuring of buildings from the aerial.
- 5. Freedom of Information Act Updates:** Tammy Camp opened the discussion with an overview of her recent meeting concerning FOIA and GIS data. The Attorney General's office had a representative there that went over some of the concerns with the amount of free data that has to be provided. Noel Oliver pointed out the inconsistencies of information given out by the same office from different representatives. Tammy said the State knows there are problems and they will be looking into revising the statute in the future.
- 6. Public Water Access:** In a discussion that was not on the agenda, Chad informed the committee of a local group that was considering starting a public access to the La Moine River for canoeing and kayaking. The group was thinking about placing signage on bridges to mark access points along the river's course and mark appropriate parking areas for users. Tim Schroll pointed out that his research on "public waters" and "navigable waterways" is ongoing and that there are different interpretations on this question. He has found no definitive answer for the La Moine River in McDonough County and is continuing his research.

Future meetings: Friday June 11th and Friday July 9th were agreed upon.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:40 PM.