

Meeting Summary
MetroGIS Technical Advisory Team
Centennial Office Building – Rm 302
May 9, 2002

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Maxwell called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Members Present: Dave Brandt (Washington County), David Claypool (Ramsey County), Sherry Coatney (Intergraph Corp.), Bob Diedrich (SRF Consulting), Dan Falbo (ESRI), Rick Gelbmann (Metropolitan Council), Susanne Maeder (LMIC), Jim Maxwell (The Lawrence Group), Curt Peterson (Ramsey County), Gary Swenson (Anoka County).

Support Staff: Steve Fester, Paul Hanson, Randall Johnson, Mark Kotz, and Alison Slaats

Visitors: Dan Schmidt and Rich Gleason (HDR, Inc.)

2. ACCEPT AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as submitted.

3. ACCEPT MEETING SUMMARY

Staff member Kotz restated the recent Team procedural changes to team members, reminding people that comments on the minutes will be requested after a draft is prepared and sent to members. Any other questions regarding the revised procedures can be directed to Kotz.

Meeting notes were accepted, ayes, all.

4. MEETING REPORTS

a) March 20 Coordinating Committee Meeting and b) April 10 Policy Board Meeting

Staff Coordinator Johnson gave a brief summary of the two meetings. Johnson noted that the counties' presentations about their GIS programs were received very well at the April 10 Policy Board meeting. Also noted were the acceptance of the Planned Land Use Dataset, an update on the Performance Measures project, and an announcement of the November 14 MetroGIS Participant Appreciation event.

5. ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION OR DISCUSSION

a) TAT 2002 Work Program – Need Feedback

Kotz asked team members to review the revised Work Program document and provide reaction and feedback. Regarding workgroups, Member Claypool noted that the Watershed Boundaries information need will need to be addressed soon. Johnson noted that Washington County has agreed to support the background research and pilot options for this information need.

Member Gelbmann reminded the group that members have stated that they are more interested in working on specific topics than sitting on long-term working groups. Johnson also briefly explained that Business Information Needs process, and how the Technical Advisory Team is the catalyst for its implementation.

6. PROJECT AND WORKGROUP REPORTS

a) Regional Parcel Dataset – Status Report

Kotz summarized the status of the Regional Parcel Dataset. (See report in meeting agenda) Kotz also mentioned that a new workgroup is needed to form to work on some existing and some new regional parcel data issues. Dave Brandt, Gary Swenson and Curt Peterson all volunteered to be part of the effort.

b) Internet Data Distribution Mechanism

• **Summary of Responses to beta test**

Staff Member Slaats summarized the survey responses received. See the [final summary document](#). Slaats also asked for suggestions regarding a name for the mechanism, which to date has been referred to by the acronym "IEDDM". (**Note:** Following this meeting, a survey was initiated and "DataCafé" was chosen.)

• **E-Commerce Component**

Johnson gave an update on the eCommerce Scoping Study. A recommendation will be made to the Coordinating Committee in June.

c) Regional Planned Land Use Dataset

Johnson thanked Staff Member Hanson for his work on this dataset, noting that to MetroGIS's knowledge, no other organization has attempted a similar feat.

d) Existing Land Use Business Information Need

There were no discussion in addition to the information presented in the Agenda for this item.

e) Socioeconomic Characteristics of Areas

There were no discussion in addition to the information presented in the Agenda for this item.

f) Hydrology Data Workgroup

Co-Chair Maxwell made an open inquiry as to whether this was being conducted on the State level as well. Johnson responded that the plan was to apply the State-level work to MetroGIS.

g) Regional 2000 Census Geography

Gelbmann stated that progress has been going smoothly on this effort, and that initial delivery is expected by the end of May.

h) Highways and Roads Business Information Need

Johnson explained that a workgroup for this Information Need would compare existing information to what would be needed, defining dataset specifications, roles & responsibilities, and a custodian. Maxwell volunteered to be a part of this workgroup. It was suggested that the group include a representative(s) from Mn/DOT as well. Work is expected to begin on this information need in June 2002.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

a) Technology Trends

There was no volunteer for this meeting's Technology Trends presentation. Please contact Mark Kotz (651-602-1644) for more information or to sign up to present at a future meeting.

b) Modification of DataFinder maps

Slaats explained that minor modifications had been made to the DataFinder maps so that they would work with the latest browsers.

c) NSDI CAP grand update

The Internet-Enabled Data Distribution Mechanism project has helped the stated goals of the NSDI grant – namely that we serve OGC-compliant web map services (WMS). Slaats explained that NSDI grant funds could be used to extend the functionality of the IEDDM to allow for data download from non-ArcIMS web sites that are compliant with the Web Feature Mapping standards being finalized by the OGC. These service use Geography Markup Language (GML) to transfer geography. This would allow

the IEDDM to extract data from other software such as GeoMedia Web and Minnesota MapServer. This idea will be explored as a proof of concept this summer.

d) Web Statistics – DataFinder and MetroGIS sites

There were no discussion in addition to the information presented in the Agenda for this item.

Other

Maxwell asked Slaats to follow up on an item from last TAT meeting regarding whether data being served by ArcIMS could be accessed via ArcMap. Slaats said that she had followed up on this topic with ESRI and that they had worked out a satisfactory solution. Slaats added that a document describing this issue very well is available on the ESRI web site

(http://arconline.esri.com/arconline/whitepapers/ims_/ManageDataSharingFeature.htm). Dan Falbo, ESRI, added that the initial confusion precipitating the situation had been caused by a lack of, or ambiguous, documentation.

8. NEXT MEETING

August 8, 2002

9. ADJOURN

Co-Chair Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Prepared by,

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