



Winnebago County Geographic Information System

Call In
Friday, August 28, 2020
9:15 a.m.

Present by Roll Call:

John Donahue, North Park Public Water District
Glenn Trommels, City of Rockford
Jack Armstrong, Rockford Park District
Chad Hunter, Village of Machesney Park
Chris Dornbush, Winnebago County
Tim Hanson, Rock River Water Reclamation District

Others Present:

Steven Gregg, Michael Dunn, Julia Halsted

ABSENT

City of Loves Park, Village of Cherry Valley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2020 meeting by **Winnebago County**; Second by **City of Rockford**; **Minutes were approved by a vote of 6:0:2.**

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ACTION ITEMS

None

OLD BUSINESS

a) Technical Committee Updates

- i. **Control Monument Inventory:** Mr. Gregg reported that the control monument inventory has been completed. The next step will be to import that data into the database so the new inventory will be visible on all of the websites. As Mr. Armstrong pointed out when he inquired about the “z value”, the new inventory data includes z, or elevations, for each monument as well as in image.
- ii. **911 Upgrade:** Mr. Gregg notes that the go live date for the new CAD RMS 911 system has come and gone successfully without issue. Mr. Gregg went on to note that Sarah Stromberg worked diligently with the City of Rockford to ensure that GIS portion of the upgrade was complete, properly formatted and ready to give live. At that point Mr. Gregg deferred to Mr. Trommels from the City of Rockford to give a broader review of the upgrade. Mr. Trommels indicated that the 3 day event that saw both 911 centers to a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and all law enforcement agencies in the county moved to a common, integrated

Records Management System (RMS). There were a couple of issue with RMS that were resolved, but the CAD upgrade went very smoothly. Mr. Trommels went on to note that the new 911 system relies heavily on GIS, so he expressed his gratitude to WinGIS for their help in the effort. Before moving on, Mr. Trommels wanted to go back to the previous item to ask a question in regard to the monument inventory. He asks if we discovered that any monuments were missing. Mr. Gregg indicated that a few were. WinGIS was aware that some may be missing as over the years, though very infrequently, surveyors have mentioned that they couldn't find a monument when doing reference ties. Mr. Gregg went on to say that WinGIS would follow up with Ayres as to what follow up costs there would be to replace the missing monuments. Lastly, Mr. Trommels inquired as to whether or not any that were still in place, were shifted and had to be reset. Mr. Gregg indicated that the rest were ok and required not additional attention.

NEW BUSINESS

a) **Staffing Update**

Mr. Gregg reported that WinGIS has made a staffing change. As Sarah Stromberg has been the point person for all 911 updates/upgrades (there are 3 occurring simultaneously) it made sense to keep 911 maintenance one her responsibilities. Mr. Gregg has a long conversation with Ms. Stromberg to determine if her current role allows for her to re-assume, official, and going forward all WinGIS related 911 responsibilities. She indicated that she could. Mr. Gregg went on to further explain that since becoming part of the R1PC, WinGIS now has access to additional resources that they have not had in the recent past. For example the R1PC now employs a full time accountant that can assume all billing and invoicing responsibilities for WinGIS, which used to be done by Ms. Stromberg. All that amounts to the fact that there is no longer a need for Aaron Frey as a full time employee. Mr. Gregg also noted that Mr. Frey was a great young man, but an average GIS Tech and that he (Mr. Gregg) had reservations about his being responsible for 911 updates. His last day was August 14th (2020). Mr. Gregg also indicated that since that the R1PC has the above mentioned additional resources, WinGIS will not immediately seek to replace the GIS Tech position. If WinGIS finds itself stretched thin, Mr. Gregg indicated that he has spoken to Mr. Dunn as well as Jon Paul Diipla (the MPO Director) about utilizing some of the other R1 employees who know GIS, should that occasion arise. They both indicated that they were comfortable with that. Mr. Dunn echoed those comments and went on to say that that is an ideal example of the integrated model of the R1PC. So as the R1PC moves into a new fiscal year WinGIS will see less money spend on a full time employee, but more of the budget allocated to the shared R1PC resources, both in terms of labor and rent/utilities. Mr. Donahue suggested that a line item be in the WinGIS budget that accounts for any R1PC employee services WinGIS uses. Mr. Gregg indicated that WinGIS does have a line item used for Contracting/Consulting that could be expanded to account for those additional resources.

b) **WinGIS Chair and Vice Chair Election**

Mr. Donahue reports that it is time for the WinGIS board to select its Chair and Vice Chair. He goes on to say that the WinGIS chair and Vice Chair can serve two consecutive terms and that he is now at the end of his first term. He then asks if there are any nominations for WinGIS Policy Chair. **Glenn Trommels from the City of Rockford nominates Mr. Donahue for Policy Chair. The motion is seconded by Chris Dornbush of Winnebago County. The motion passed 6:0:2. Chris Dornbush from Winnebago County nominates Glenn Trommels from the City of Rockford as Vice Chair. The motion is seconded by Jack Armstrong of the Rockford Park District. The motion passes 5:0:3 (Mr. Trommels abstained).**

OTHER MATTERS

a) **Cloudpoint Geospatial Presentation**

Mr. Gregg referenced earlier in the meeting, during the Tech Committee updates, 3 presentations on various GIS related topics were given by Micah Williamson from CloudPoint Geospatial. Invitation were sent to all RIPC employees as well as employees of WinGIS' member agencies. Each presentation was well attended and the presentations were recorded and are available if anyone is interested in viewing them.

NEXT MEETING

The next WinGIS Policy Meeting will be held Friday, October 23, 2020 at 9:15 am – Call In

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by **Winnebago County**; Seconded by the **Rock River Water District**. **Motion approved by a vote of 6:0:2.**

Respectfully submitted,

WinGIS

WinGIS Participating Agencies

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