

Kankakee County GIS Committee Meeting Minutes Meeting of May 2, 2008

Members in Attendance

Steve Beatty, Kankakee County Supervisor of Assessments
Jim Piekarczyk, Kankakee County Engineer
George Washington, Kankakee County Board

Others in Attendance

Roger Diercks, Kankakee County GIS Manager
Jim Greenstreet, Kankakee County Planning Department
Josh Kalov, GIS Technician
Zack Newton, City of Kankakee
Diane Redwitz, Kankakee County Highway Department
Mark Regel, Village of Bourbonnais

Meeting commenced at 9:05am

Mr. Piekarczyk made a motion to approve the minutes of the GIS Committee meeting of April 4, 2008. Mr. Beatty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Diercks reported that the color photography had been resolved to his satisfaction and that he was working with Pinnacle on developing the compressed images. He said that now that the color photography had been resolved, that he would be working with Pinnacle on the color infrared and black and white deliverables. Pinnacle had advised him that the fixes for the planimetric layers should be delivered early the next week.

Mr. Diercks detailed data sales and subscriptions that totaled \$380.00 for the month. Mr. Beatty asked if subscriptions to the website were available on a pro-rated basis. Mr. Diercks explained that currently only annual subscriptions were available because he felt that administering a structure of different subscription periods would be difficult.

Mr. Piekarczyk commented that in his discussions with various people, he is coming to the view that there is a good deal of inexpensive GIS data available that while perhaps not developed to the standards of the County's GIS data, met the needs of users who would have previously come to the County for data. He said that in his opinion the days

of being able to charge higher prices for data as a method of cost recovery were coming to an end. Ms. Redwitz mentioned discussions that she and Mr. Diercks have had about reorienting the County GIS program to more of a service provider in response to this change.

Mr. Diercks advised the Committee that Craig Blanchette had told him that Aqua Illinois would only be able to provide hydrant location data and that location of mains and other infrastructure would not be release for security reasons. Mr. Piekarczyk proposed approaching Aqua Illinois with an arrangement in which Aqua would receive County GIS data in exchange for providing site-specific data on an on-demand basis. The Committee directed Mr. Diercks to discuss this proposal with Mr. Blanchette.

Mr. Regel discussed some of the efforts GIS and the Village of Bourbonnais are undertaking. He and Mr. Piekarczyk discussed some of the issues involved with obtaining Village data retained by a previous engineering firm. Mr. Regel presented presentations from Robinson Engineering on their economic development application and pavement management application.

Mr. Regel also thanked the Committee for allowing River Valley Metro to use the GPS units. He said that Mr. Diercks and Mr. Kalov had done some training with Metro staff earlier in the week and that it had been determined that refining the menus for data entry needed to be done. Mr. Diercks advised the Committee that one of the GPS units was not working and was being returned for repair under warranty.

Mr. Piekarczyk said that he appreciated the presentations and that he wished to take them under advisement and not rush to judgment on the projects. He said that he'd like to hear Mike Van Mill's take.

Mr. Piekarczyk made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Beatty. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53am.