

Kankakee County GIS Committee Meeting Minutes Meeting of August 7, 2009

Members in Attendance

Steve Beatty, Kankakee County Supervisor of Assessments
Laurie Cyr, Village of Bourbonnais
Kelly McLaren, Kankakee County Board
Pete Schiel, City of Kankakee
George Washington, Kankakee County Board

Others in Attendance

Roger Diercks, Kankakee County GIS Manager
Jim Greenstreet, Kankakee County Planning Dept.
Josh Kalov, GIS Technician
Zack Newton, City of Kankakee
Diane Redwitz, Kankakee County Highway Dept.
Mark Regel,
Maureen Sandusky-English, Kankakee County Sheriff's Office

Meeting commenced at 9:06am

There was no public comment

A quorum not being initially present, no approval of the minutes from the June 5, 2009 meeting was made.

Mr. Diercks reported three website subscriptions and one data sale at \$20 for a total of \$770 since the June meeting.

Mr. Diercks said that he has heard nothing new from Will County regarding data sharing, so he intended to follow the direction of the Committee at the June meeting and see about obtaining the centerlines from Will County ETSB.

Mr. Diercks told the Committee that GIS had been providing 911 and the Sheriff's Office assistance in resolving issues related to the data for the dispatch application at that a push to resolve all of the issues across the county had resulted in having approximately half of

the known issues resolved. Ms. Sandusky-English said that many major issues had been resolved and that fewer address issues were being reported.

Mr. Diercks said that work was progressing on a public website that was meant to be easy to use. He had hoped that it would be farther along, but strides are being made. He also mentioned that an internal site meant for the Planning Department had been started. He also informed the Committee that work was underway to upgrade the Highway Department's document management application to run with the newest version of the server software.

Mr. Diercks discussed the flyover project. He said that he had a mostly-completed RFQ that he would send to the Committee members. Mr. McLaren asked about the possibility of joint projects. Mr. Diercks replied that the two possibilities were a possible statewide flight and a flight with the northeastern Illinois counties. Little movement seems to have occurred on a statewide flight, and there were concerns about a flight with the northeastern counties in light of the significant issues the group has encountered over the past two projects.

Mr. Diercks said that he wanted input on a selection process timeline and proposed releasing the RFQ on Tuesday, August 11 with a deadline of Friday, September 11 for the receipt of submissions. He asked the Committee if the consensus was to then use the regularly scheduled October 2 meeting for respondent interviews. The consensus of the Committee was to follow this timeline.

Mr. Greenstreet spoke of the challenges he has come across in obtaining GIS data from state agencies in fulfilling Federal requirements for transportation planning. Mr. Diercks said that Illinois was woefully lacking in statewide GIS coordination in comparison to many other states. Ms. Redwitz, who serves on the Communications Committee of the statewide coordination effort, said that little had occurred recently and that her sense was that many people were waiting to see what happened with the recent hiring of a state GIS Coordinator. Mr. Diercks suggested that dialog with local legislators might be something to consider in the future.

Mr. Newton gave a presentation on the results of the City of Kankakee sharing some of its GIS data with JULIE. He said that the number of JULIE tickets that were incorrectly sent to the City had decreased dramatically, and that staff spent far less time on JULIE tickets than before the corrections were applied. Mr. Schiel added that the City's cost savings via reductions in JULIE billings was significant as well.

There was not any Old Business or New Business to come before the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37am.