

# **Kankakee County GIS Committee Meeting Minutes Meeting of October 2, 2015**

## **Members in Attendance**

Erich Blair, Kankakee County Supervisor of Assessments  
Chris LaRocque, Village of Manteno  
Mark Rogers, Kankakee County Highway Department  
Zack Newton, City of Kankakee (alternate)  
Geoffrey Olson, Kankakee County Planning Department (alternate)  
George Washington, Kankakee County Board

## **Others in Attendance**

Roger Diercks, Kankakee County GIS Manager  
Zack Newton, City of Kankakee  
Diane Redwitz, Kankakee County Highway Department

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

There was no public comment

Mr. Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes of the Committee's July 10, 2015 meeting, seconded by Mr. Blair. The motion carried.

The Committee set the following meeting schedule for 2016: January 8, April 1, July 8, October 7.

Mr. Diercks presented the website subscriber report. There was one new private subscription, one private cancellation, and one public cancellation for a net loss of two subscribers.

Mr. Diercks updated the Committee on some of his projects. Much of his recent time had been devoted to the quality control of the aerial photography.

He said that there had been discussion about drainage districts at the County Board level because of the issue of the effect of the proposed quarry in Indiana on Singleton Ditch. He said that lack of data and documents was the biggest challenge regarding drainage districts. The approach he was taking was to map drainage districts whose billing was done through the Treasurer's Office. He has added drainage districts to the taxing district viewer application on the GIS website.

Mr. Diercks also mentioned that he had helped the Supervisor of Assessments with some further data extraction from DEVNET.

Mr. Diercks showed the Committee the web application SURDEX supplied to perform the quality control on the aerial photography. He said that the application sped up the process and was more efficient than taking delivery of the data and loading it onto county computer hardware. There were few significant issues found apart from instances of bridge distortion and visible seam lines. At this time there was no definite schedule for the completion of the project, but Mr. Diercks said he was optimistic that it would not be much longer.

Mr. Schiel said that Kankakee had purchased a sub-centimeter GPS unit. Two Kankakee High School students used the unit over the summer to map city assets, collecting roughly 3000 points. Work on a tree inventory and more asset collection is planned for next summer.

The Highway Department also did some asset collection over the summer, collecting data on guardrails and ADA ramps. Ms. Redwitz has been comparing county road centerline data to IDOT's road centerline data. She found a missing subdivision in Bourbonnais Township, which should yield more MFT funds for the township.

Mr. Blair discussed what had been occurring with the wind farm. The structures had been added to the tax rolls for the remainder of 2015. Mr. Diercks will assist with using GIS to "cut out" the footprints of the structures for the parcel map.

Mr. Olson said that with the impending retirements of Mike Lammey and Jim Greenstreet, traffic safety issues may take longer to resolve until additional staff could be hired. Mr. Greenstreet has been driving selected corridors with a GPS unit to analyze traffic flow and congestion.

There was no old business to come before the Committee.

Under new business, Mr. Schiel asked how the County's fiscal situation affected GIS. Mr. Diercks said that recording fee revenue the past few months has been strong, and that GIS has sufficient revenue to support itself. However, inter-fund borrowing from the GIS

Fund has hampered his ability to expend funds. Mr. Washington discussed the situation with regard to the General Fund.

Mr. Rogers moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Schiel. The motion carried.