

Minutes

Kankakee County GIS Committee

Meeting of January 10, 2025

1) Open Meeting

Chairman Blair opened the meeting at 10:00 A.M.

2) Roll Call

The following members were present: Mr. Blair, Ms. Gadbois, Ms. Goodrich, Mr. Kerkstra, Mr. Long, Mr. Wilson (proxy for Mayor Nugent).

Additional attendees included Mr. Olson and Mr. Skimerhorn.

3) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4) Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the minutes from the meetings of October 11, 2024. Mr. Long seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

5) Project Updates

The hydrographic survey was nearing completion and staff had received updated data deliverables. The gaps in the data that were previously delivered were corrected. Metadata and supporting documentation was still outstanding. Members discussed how the data will be made available after the project is completed. Mr. Olson said the point data could be made available online for download shortly after project completion. He said it would take more time to determine the best way to publish the data online, particularly any of the line or TIN datasets. Mr. Long asked if information about the hydrographic survey could be presented at the River Advisory Subcommittee on February 6, 2025, at 8:30 AM and at the Highways, Waterways, and Buildings Committee meeting. Mr. Olson said he would put something together for those meetings.

The 2025 Ortho Image Project was waiting for March to begin a pilot flight.

The GIS server upgrade continued. The cadastral data was migrated to the new server and the Supervisor of Assessment's staff could begin working on tax year 2025. Mr. Olson explained there were some challenges to address with the cadastral data and the compatibility of the software. He added that the consulting team recommended shifting the cadastral editing process to ArcGIS Pro Parcel Fabric. Mr. Skimerhorn said the 2025 budget did not include funding any projects in addition to the ortho image project. Staff said they would consider the options before deciding.

Mr. Skimerhorn said staff were looking into a cost study to adjust fees and that there is usually more value having a cost study done as an entire entity rather than one or two departments. Ms. Gadbois said there were about 2,000 fewer recorded documents in 2024 than 2023.

The sidewalk planimetric data was almost finished. Mr. Olson stated the polygons were completed and there less than 1,500 centerlines needed additional processing to have estimated widths added to feature attributes.

6) New Business

Mr. Olson said the rollover in DevNet was completed by Mr. Blair earlier in the week and that the parcels on K3-Mapper would be getting updated soon. Mr. Blair said it may have been the fastest rollover. He complimented the partnership and communication between GIS and his staff.

Mr. Olson informed everyone that ESRI updated some of the features on ArcGIS Experience Builder, the platform K3-Mapper was going to be moved to. He said the equivalent of the parcel buffer tool should have better functionality, which was one of the things that had been hindering the creation of the new version.

Mr. Long mentioned the Braidwood nuclear disaster drill was held recently. He said he was impressed with the mapping performed by Mr. Olson. He added that GIS could be a beneficial addition for the county's efforts in disaster recovery. He said datasets that included things like population, structures, and values are important for preparing disaster declarations.

7) Old Business

None.

8) Next Meeting Date

The meeting times for 2025 were scheduled for April 11, July 11, and October 10. If any additional meetings are needed for the ortho image project, member would be notified.

9) Adjournment

Ms. Gadbois motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kerkstra seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 A.M.