

October 28, 1999

Attendance –

Jim Lacy – CALMIT/UNL
Jeff Peake – UNO
Scott Richert – Lancaster County Assessor's Office
Teresa Silence – Applied Data Consultants
Ed Kelley - Department of Roads
John Beran – State Surveyors Office

Agenda

1. Approve Minutes (Group)
2. Introductions for new Board Member, Teresa Silence
3. Treasurers Report (Lacy)
4. Bylaws and Constitution (Richert & Lacy)

Finish Bylaws and Constitution

5. GIS Day, Legislative Posters (Peake)

Poster format, accompanying letter

6. GIS Day, Proclamation Letters (Lacy)
7. November GIS Forum (Richert)

Content of Power Point Pres.

8. Association Brochure (Richert)
9. Platte River GIS Working Group Mtg. (Silence)

Other Business

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Jim Lacy to approve the minutes from the September 23, 1999 meeting. After a second from Jeff Peake, the motion carried.

New Member

Scott Richert introduced the board to our newest member. Teresa Silence from Applied Data Consultants will be joining us for the remainder of our term.

Treasurers Report

The Association has recently received a bill from PSAN for the money that they fronted us for the Symposium. After paying that bill the Association now has a little over \$6000 dollars in a UNL account. Jim Lacy would like to move the funds from the UNL account to an account for the Association. The funds cannot be moved to our account until November due to accounting rules at UNL. Jim called a couple of banks in the Lincoln area to get information on the different types of accounts available. Jim suggested opening an account at the National Bank of Commerce (NBC). Since Jim has personal accounts at NBC it would be more convenient to access the Association account as well. All agreed that NBC would be an acceptable choice for the Association account.

Jim informed the board that he was ready for membership renewals. The database is ready but a volunteer was needed to type up a cover letter. John Beran volunteered to type up the cover letter on the benefits of joining the GIS/LIS group. Jim would like to send out the membership info on November 2, 1999 with the mailing costs to be paid by CALMIT or the GIS/LIS board. Jim would also need a few people to help stuff envelopes.

Jim also noted that taxes for the association would be due March 15, 2000 and that he is looking into our filing.

Bylaws and Constitution

Jim Lacy and Scott Richert will try to meet to discuss the polishing of the Bylaws and Constitution. Topics to be covered include: corporate memberships to be left in the bylaws for future use, and Scott and Jim are allowed to sign checks for the association for an amount not to exceed \$250 (see June 10, 1999 minutes).

Jim wanted the board to look at Article 4 of the bylaws. He asked the board if we wanted to edit the article so that the board was allowed to change the Bylaws, which the board agreed. The issue of affiliations was also brought up. The bylaws make accommodations for affiliations with other groups. Jeff Peake said he felt that affiliations should be simple agreements and not written law. The board agreed with him and decided to cut out the section on affiliations.

GIS Day

Jeff Peake presented the board with examples of maps to be produced for the legislators. The maps were produced using data obtained from a CD purchased from the Office of the Secretary of State. The maps illustrated the change in party registration by voters between the years 1978 to 1998. The board decided to make a packet of maps to send to the legislators to include more data and add a cover letter. In addition, the Association logo is to be added as well as the names of the map authors. The Association decided to hand-deliver the maps to the legislative offices since the Unicameral itself is not in session. Scott Richert volunteered to type up a cover letter for the packet.

Proclamation Letter

The board decided to forget about asking the governor to sign a GIS Day proclamation since he just signed the Geography Awareness Week proclamation. The board felt that another similar proclamation would be redundant.

GIS Forum

Scott Richert invited the board to look at a printout of the power point presentation that Scott will be giving at the November 4 GIS Forum. The presentation is basically the same one that was used at the GIS Symposium with a few modifications.

Jim Lacy pointed out that the board needed to begin to think about another annual meeting and the next GIS Symposium.

Brochure

The examples for the Association brochure were looked over by the board. The board decided on a copper-brown color, as it seemed to stand out from the rest. The costs for the brochure will be 21 cents/copy. Jim Lacy thought he might be able to pay for it from the UNL account. It was then decided that the board would pay their dues early and use that money for the brochures. It was also decided that the brochures were going to be too expensive to just leave somewhere. The brochures will be sent out or given out when necessary.

Platte River GIS Working Group

Teresa Silence briefed the board on the Platte River GIS Working Group. The Platte River GIS Group held its first meeting recently and had a good turn out. This first meeting was mainly a brainstorming session on what the members wanted to accomplish. The main points included finding a place for GIS technical discussions, and setting up a good base of communications for the central Nebraska area.

Other Business

Scott Richert announced that the deadline for getting proposed articles to Jim Merchant for the GIS Update newsletter was pushed back to November 4th. Scott was going to include a brief mention of the GIS Day packets in his article for submission.

Next Meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for 10:00 am Tuesday, November 30, 1999. The location is yet to be determined.

Meeting minutes submitted by John Beran, State Surveyor's Office