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MINUTES OF MEETING

Minnesota Association of County Surveyors

July 28, 2016

MACS Meeting at Little Log Cabin Pioneer Village, Hastings, MN.

Mike Fangman called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

In attendance: Steve Jobe, Russ Heiling, Pat Veraguth, Jim Hentges, Tim Eklund, Lisa Hanni, Pete Jenkins, Mike Fangman, Chuck Gitzen, Mike Welling, Bill Brown, Chris Terwedo, David Claypool, Dan Wormer.

Approval of Minutes: May 26th 2016. Motion Russ Heiling. Second Steve Jobe. Approved.

Membership Report: 39 Voting members and 7 Affiliate members.

Treasurer's Report: \$18,339.03 in treasury.

Legislative Committee Report: No update.

Long Range Planning Committee: Dick Walter will be retiring in August.

Seminar updates: Discussion on speakers for the MACS Seminar in October. Possibilities include Aerial photos and drones from Fish and Wildlife. A discussion on lake issues. A presentation by the schools attending the seminar.

Dedicated Easements and vacations thereof: There was discussion on the status of easements that are dedicated in a plat and then there is a replat of the area. What happens to the existing easements. Consensus was that the easements are not vacated automatically by the new plat and need to be vacated

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or shown on the new plat. Discussion on consent to plat documents and the order of recording. Discussion on Torrens and Abstract and legals that are prepared when lots are part torrens property. Discussion on lots of record and what that means. Also discussion on required signatures on plats.

MN Statute 13.03 Gov't Data Practices Act: Tim Eklund initiated discussion on what information is given out. Hennepin County has 1 person to give out data. There was discussion on whether or not CAD files and unsigned surveys need to be handed out to people who request it. Further discussion on what should be handed out and what shouldn't. Bill Brown and Lisa Hanni agreed on this (very unusual).

MACS Banner Slogan/Quote: The voting for the new slogan to go on the MACS display banner was conducted. The winning slogan was "Protecting the American dream of land ownership through the preservation of the Public Land Survey System". The new banner should be ready for the fall seminar.

MSPS Historical Display: There was discussion on the historical display and how to move forward with displaying it and where to have it on display.

Drained/Disappearing Lakes: There was discussion on lakes that have been meandered and now have dried up/ been drained etc. Also discussions on how this is tied to tax parcels etc.

State Board update: Robin Mathews provided a handout on the State Board activities for the last couple months.

NCEES 2016 Survey Award winners: Lisa Hanni provided information and background on these awards and the process for determining award winners.

Other: Mike Welling informed the group that the Washington County Surveyors Office was moving it's office to the new Public Works building.

David Claypool provided some information on Mike Murphy, St. Paul City Surveyor who passed away. Mike was working on a book on the history of the Surveyor Generals office. David made a brass cap monument to be set at Mike's gravesite.

Pete Jenkins provided some additional information on the MSPS Historical display.

Bill Brown initiated discussion on CIC boundaries and the conversion of Common Element to Units. There was discussion on whether or not there is value associated to the common element.

Next Meeting: The next MACS meeting will be in September at Douglas County. Pat Veraguth will check on possible dates and get back to group.

Adjourn: Motion by Steve Jobe. Second by Tim Eklund.