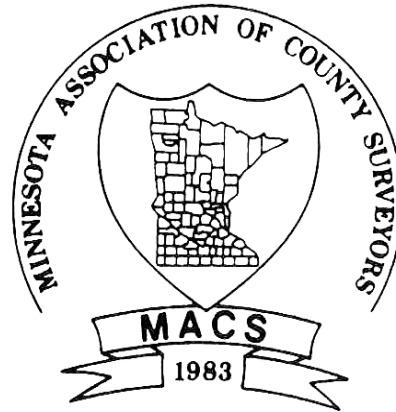


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MINUTES OF MEETING

Minnesota Association of County Surveyors

May 26, 2016

MACS Meeting at Stearns County.

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

In attendance: Steve Jobe, Russ Heiling, Pat Veraguth, Jim Hentges, Tim Eklund, Scott Marlin, Lisa Hanni, Julie Groetsch, Pete Jenkins, Jason Blommel, Mike Fangman, Chuck Gitzen, Mike Welling, Dan Kvaal, Dennis Pederson, Dean Schramel, Michelle Thompson, Craig Welle, .

Introductions.

Approval of Minutes: March 16th 2016. Motion Steve Jobe. Second Mike Fangman. Approved.

Membership Report: 39 Voting members and 7 Affiliate members.

Treasurer's Report: \$17,436.73 in treasury.

Legislative Committee Report: Julie Groetsch updated group and provided a handout from Ewald Consulting on the status of things at the Legislature. A possible utility easement bill authored by Senator Dahle did not move forward this session. Lisa Hanni reported that legislation was passed that allows counties to now approve parcel splits.

Long Range Planning Committee: No update.

SCTCC update: Dan Kvaal gave powerpoint presentation to the group on the program at St. Cloud Technical Community College. Dan said the program graduated 9 students this past year. Dan provided information regarding summer jobs for students. He reported that all students found work in the surveying field with 1st year students averaging around \$12.00 per hour and 2nd year students averaging around \$18.00 an hour. Dan described several activities undertaken by the school, a GPS day excersize with St. Cloud State University, a 4 hour long Boy Scout merit badge session, and educational promotions at high schools.

Distribution of Filed Surveys: Lisa Hanni initiated discussion on making surveys available and what is private, public and copyrighted. Mike Welling stated that surveys from prior to 1989 are OK to copy. There is a wide variety of practices between the counties regarding this. Hennepin has limited meta data on parcels. St. Louis County has their Survey Explorer program. Ramsey County also has a program for finding survey information.

Mobile Historical Surveyor Display locations: Tim Eklund asked who is responsible for the display. It is the MSPS Historical Society's display. Steve Jobe explained how MACS became involved with the display. Julie Groetsch volunteered to follow up with Pete Jenkins as to where the display is physically located. Lisa Hanni and Mike Welling volunteered to check several options @ Historical Societies. Mike Welling also has Government Plat tracings that they are trying to figure out what to do with. Counties are all doing different things with old records and scanning and figuring out how to make them accessible.

Seminar Updates: The date for the seminar is Thursday October 6th @ St. Cloud. The possible list of speakers and topics includes:

Robin Mathews	PLSS Corners	Surveyor	Disappearing Lake survey
Rick Morey	Ethics	Cullen Lee	Integrating LiDAR & Survey Data
Mathew Foli	Torrens Topic	Lisa Hanni	GIS/Surveying topic

Dan Kvaal suggested PLSS topics for the students interests.

MACS Mugs Logo: Mike Welling made motion to approve new MACS logo for mugs and banner. Second by Lisa Hanni. All approved. Lisa will order mugs and coordinate with Pat Veraguth to get logo to Pat for banner.

Roseau County presentation recap: Mike Fangman provided background information on Roseau County's proposals for a County Surveyor position. Salary and job description were discussed. The job description included bridge inspections and other highway duties. There was discussion on the role and duties of County Surveyors in various counties. Many things are happening with combining of positions at counties.

Legacy Funds for PLSS Remonumentation: Pat Veraguth provided data on number of section corners in the state and costs to establish corners. There was discussion on many options. Lisa Hanni will work with Mike Fangmanto make survey for PLSS corner information.

Manual of Standard Procedures for the Identification, Remonumentation and Preservaion of the PLSS Corners in the State of Minnesota (MACS Manual): Scott Marlin initiated discussion on a MACS Manual that he found and asked about the manual and if it should be updated etc. There was discussion on creating a Manual Committee to review all MACS Manuals. Lisa Hanni made motion to create a MACS Manual Committee. Second by Mike Welling. Approved. Scott Marlin to head up Manual Committee. Lisa Hanni and Mike Welling volunteered to serve on committee also.

State Board Update: Robin Mathews provided information on State Board activities. (See handout) Lisa Hanni discussed education requirements. Discussion on what is important and should there be upper level classes that are required or not. Lisa stated it is hard to look at classes and determine what would qualify. If you have any suggestions on this, please email them to Robin Mathews.

Other: Lisa Hanni suggested that MACS provide a book(s) to newly licensed Land Surveyors.

Pete Jenkins provided handout on the new 2022 datum adjustment. He reported that the current county coordinate system will not be compatible with the new system. There was lots of discussion on moving to the new coordinate system. There was a suggestion for the state to organize a committee to start the conversation regarding the new system.

Scott Marlin will send out an update from St. Cloud State University.

Jim Hentges to send out a Save the Date reminder for the fall seminar.

Next Meeting: The next MACS meeting will be on Thursday July 28th @ Little Log House Pioneer Village in Hastings @ 10:00 am.

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

