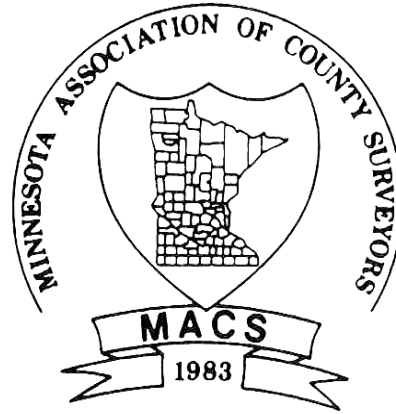


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MINUTES OF MEETING (UNAPPROVED)

Minnesota Association of County Surveyors

July 25, 2013

MACS Meeting at GLO Land Office, Little Log House Pioneer Village

Dan Baar called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM

In attendance: Mike Welling, Steve Jobe, Tim Wotzka, Lisa Hanni, Dale Lempke, Russ Heiling, Mike Fangman, Bill Brown, Dan Baar, Chuck Gitzen, Guy Carlson, Robin Mathews, Roger Brandt, Pat Veraguth, Joel Thoreson, Pete Jenkins

Approval of the Minutes: May 16, 2013 Motion Mike Welling, Second Steve Jobe. Approved

Membership Report: Dan Baar read the report, 35 voting members, 5 affiliate members.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Baar read the report, 14,643.98 in treasury.

Legislative Report: Lisa Hanni reports no update.

Long Range Planning Committee: Bill Brown has made an application to the AMC to provide a presentation at their next annual meeting. Bill has not had any response from the AMC on the application.

MACS fall seminar: Dan Baar spoke of the success in the 2012 fall seminar presented by MACS. Dan asked if there was interest in MACS to do a seminar in the fall of 2013. MACS does show interest in a fall 2013 seminar. Possible topics: Steve Jobe wants to look at MN Statute 505 and MN County plat review. Some plats coming in for county review are junk. Could the fall 2013 seminar address this issue? Show examples of good plats submitted and bad plats submitted. MACS wants the survey technicians to attend the seminar. Have a reduced cost for the survey technicians. Lisa Hanni volunteered to be a presenter at the fall 2013 seminar. Dan Baar volunteered to get some private sector representation at the fall 2013 seminar as a presenter.

Tentative date for MACS fall of 2013 seminar, October 24, 2013 Thursday.

Jim Hentges to try to set up the same venues as last seminar... location, time, meals, etc.

Scanning of Mississippi River Commission Note: Guy Carlson and Tim Wotzka spoke to this issue. There were two entities that surveyed in northern Minnesota. The Mississippi River Commission surveyed the entire length of the Mississippi River and had members of the Army Corps of Engineers on said Commission. MACS is looking to acquire and scan these notes. The Army Corps of Engineers also surveyed several lake reservoirs in northern Minnesota. These Army Corps notes are located at the National Archives in Chicago, IL and a majority of these Army Corp notes have been photographed by Guy Carlson.

Question was asked if there is a similar set of notes for the Saint Croix River. Someone needs to verify this.

MACS needs someone to volunteer to locate and scan all of these notes.

GIS Data Free of Charge to the Public: MNGEO legislation wording has made its way to the legislators. No bill as of yet. Discussion of MetroGIS Data Producers Work Group's white paper. Uniformity of data pros/cons. Consistency of data pros/cons. Age of data pros/cons. Which data fields would be provided for free to the public and which data fields would have a service charge?

MACS Website Update: Dan Baar states that the current MACS website will be left as is until the current subscriptions expire. (October 2013) Then MACS will set up a fresh website with current info presented. There will be no Log In procedures as in the past and people can post upcoming events and new data with more ease. Lisa Hanni offered to get the current map of MN with the County Surveyor's data on it to the membership. Membership to send any corrections/updates of said map to Dan. Steve Jobe wants to clean up the current MACS email list. Steve volunteered to work with Jim Hentges to start over from scratch and create a new MACS email list.

CIC Manual: Steve Jobe spoke to this issue. 2010 is when the last changes to the CIC statute occurred. The last MSPS/MACS CIC manual update was prior to the 2010 legislation therefore, the current MSPS/MACS CIC manual does not reflect the 2010 legislative changes. There was discussion on conflicts within the CIC statute on surveyor's signature requirements and references to signature requirements. Steve volunteered to write a letter to MSPS about the need for CIC Statute changes needed to address the signature reference issue.

Mike Welling volunteered to continue to update the "laundry list" of MN Statutes that will need updating in the future. Mike will present said "laundry list" at a future MACS meeting.

NSPS Lobbyist and MSPS Association with NSPS: Robin Mathews and Pete Jenkins spoke to this issue. NSPS has hire Palatiello and Associates as their government lobbyist. Palatiello and Associates is also the government lobbyist for Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors (MAPPS). MAPPS has been lobbying for the elimination of government run surveying, mapping and land information services. Robin is troubled by the recent MSPS requirement that if one is to sign up and pay dues to be an MSPS member then one is also required to pay dues to be a NSPS member. Robin does not want his dues money going to NSPS when the NSPS lobbyist is promoting the elimination of government survey operations. Pete provides some background on MAPPS and also on Palatiello and Associates. Pete provided to the membership a chain of emails between Tony Blumentritt the NSPS Governor for MN and John Byrd the

government affairs manager for Palatiello and Associates. Pete also provided to the membership an email between Pete and Tony Blumentritt the NSPS Governor for MN.

Pat Veraguth stated that the next NSPS membership meeting will be November 21, 2013. The MACS membership is encouraged to write their own letter to the NSPS Governor MN and the MSPS President stating their concerns with the NSPS lobbyist. MACS members should get those letters to the NSPS Governor MN and the MSPS President prior to November 21, 2013.

NSPS Governor MN Tony Blumentritt Email: TonyB@blumentritt.biz

MSPS President Paul Vogel Email: paul.vogel@lhbcorp.com

Use of County Recorders Funds: There was much discussion on ways County recorders funds have been use to help with survey related operations. The consensus is that County Recorders funds may be used to pay for the salary of a part time and/or seasonal employee but said funds cannot be use to pay for the salary of a full time employee.

Enforcement of Filing Surveys with the County Surveyor (MS 389.08): There was much discussion on this issue. The bottom line is that the County Attorney is the one who will need to prosecute these cases.

Responsible Charge Language: Lisa Hanni spoke to this issue. The proposed Model Laws and Rules are attempting to address the issues and potential problems with the perceived lack of responsible charge. How does one state in words the definition of responsible charge? Satellite offices and out of the state of MN surveyors signatures were discussed. Should responsible charge be addressed only after a problem arises? Should responsible charge be addressed preemptively?

It was suggested that MACS do an Ethics Presentation on Responsible Charge at the 2014 MSPS Annual meetings. MACS volunteered Lisa Hanni to be the presenter if MACS chooses to do the presentation.

Conservation Easement/Platting the Bed of a Lake: Mike Welling spoke to this issue. There was much discussion on how to deal with the issues of surveying a lake bed (not meandered) that was provided a GLO patent to an individual. Much discussion on who owns the lake bed. The original patentee or the State of MN due to the fact that the lake is deemed navigable.

Deed Staking –VS- Boundary Surveying: Mike Welling spoke to this issue. There was much discussion on how to deal with the issues of whether or not a surveyor can just stake a deed or whether a surveyor is surveying a boundary line. Or are they one and the same?

State Board Update: Lisa Hanni spoke to this. The State Board Rule changes on surveyor testing/examinations are now in effect. FS exam will now be taken on line. The LS exam is not on line yet. The MN State portion of the LS exam will take place as in the past.

Statewide DEM Projects Update: Pete Jenkins spoke to this. The State is now in the mode of DEM data enhancement. Pete is looking for ways to use the data collected in new and improved ways. Pete is looking for some public sector users of the DEM data to provide suggestions on how to improve the data that is available. If you wish to be on a committee with Pete to advance DEM data enhancement then contact Pete.

Government Notes Scanning Update: no update

County Surveyor Plat Signature Language (Old Business): Mike Welling volunteered to continue to update the “laundry list” of MN Statutes that will need updating in the future. Mike will present said “laundry list” at a future MACS meeting.

MS 160.15 and MS 381.12 (Old Business): Mike Welling volunteered to continue to update the “laundry list” of MN Statutes that will need updating in the future. Mike will present said “laundry list” at a future MACS meeting.

Property Divisions Outside of Subdivision Ordinances: Russ Heiling spoke to this. Russ asked if there are land divisions taking place in other counties that are not contained within the jurisdiction of the County Subdivision Ordinances. It was suggested that revisions to the County Ordinances take place to address those land divisions currently not accounted for.

MS 160.085 Should These Lands be Platted: Pete Jenkins spoke to this. Pete wanted to know if lands contained with MN Statute 160.085 are required by MS 505 to be platted.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2013 Ramsey County Public Works

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made. Motion was seconded.

July 25, 2013

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