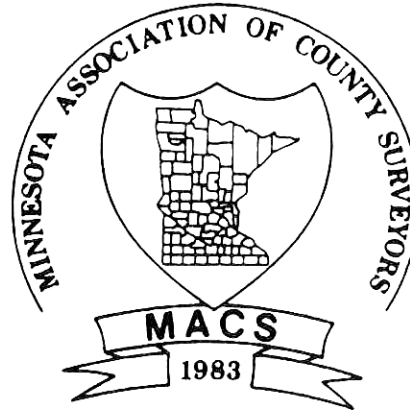


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MINUTES OF MEETING

Minnesota Association of County Surveyors

July 28th, 2011

MACS Meeting @ Little Log House Pioneer Village, Hastings, MN.

Lisa Hanni called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and welcomed everyone to the Land Office.

In Attendance: Robin Mathews, Dick Walter, Mike Fiebiger, Steve Jobe, Tim Wotzka, Mike Welling, Jim Hentges, Rick Morey, Lisa Hanni, Larry Hoiium, Pat Veraguth, David Landecker, Terry Johnson, Dan Baar, Russ Heiling, Craig Hinzman, Dan Wormer, Roger Brand, David Claypool, Fred Johnson, Todd Tollefson, Joel Thoreson.

Approval of Minutes: January 27th 2011, Motion Robin Mathews. Second Steve Jobe. Approved.
March 17th, 2011, Motion Steve Jobe. Second David Landecker, Approved. May 26th, 2011, Motion David Landecker. Second Tim Wotzka. Approved.

Membership report: 36 voting members, 7 affiliate members

Treasurer's report: \$23,839.69 in treasury of which \$5000 is obligated to the GLO notes scanning project.

Legislative report: Larry Hoiium reported that Franz Reprographics and other reproduction companies may quit photo reproduction of mylar plats because of difficulty getting supplies and limited demand right now. J.R. Nelson of Minneapolis still does the photo reproduction. May have to look at statute requirements and possibly changing to reflect situation. Discussion was to continue to monitor situation and check with County Recorders.

Long Range Planning Committe: Dick Walter updated the group on Life Memberships to MACS. There has been a new category added to the MACS Dues notice form for the new Life Membership category. Dick has put together a list of members who are eligible. Dick Walter made motion to approve the list of eligible members for Life Memberships. Seconded by Tim Wotzka. Motion approved.

October Seminar: Group decided not to do an October seminar this year.

AMC Presentation: David Claypool and John Hoshal have volunteered to give a presentation on the Gov't Notes scanning project to the AMC group at December AMC conference.

County Surveyor Research: There was discussion of research of County Surveyors done in the 80's and 90's. Anoka County is doing an exhibit with the Historical Society.

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State Board Update: Lisa Hanni updated the group on State Board activities. There is a survey regarding fundamentals of Land Surveying coming in Sept. or Oct. Lisa asked group to participate in survey if possible. Lisa reported that the State Board would be writing test questions in November and December this year. Lisa also reported that the State Board has passed a cheating clause for testing. Lisa reported that groups are looking at computer based testing at both the national and state levels.

State wide DEM project: Not much happening with State shutdown. Rick Morey reported on some new laws that may impact the VRS system @ MnDOT.

Other: Goodhue and Dodge counties are sharing new survey staff. Pine and Kanabec counties are also looking at sharing staff.

Dave Claypool gave update on Gov't notes scanning project. Project scanning was started in September and completed 310,000 images by June 30th. Legacy funds were used to fund the project. There are 23 terrabytes of data that were delivered to the History Center on June 30th. There are 3 websites with the notes. MnGEO, Historical Center and the GLO. David said the committee will let MACS know about the best use of the funds MACS has obligated to the project.

Tim Wotzka asked if others have to deal with court ordered land splits. Some discussion on what to do when owner would not sign plat and best way to describe.

David Landecker asked about surveyor certifications on Corner Certificates and to look to the statute for wording language to use.

Mike Welling reported that the MSPS and MACS committee met regarding the definition of land surveying and the group came up with a definition. The MSPS Board is reviewing. There was much discussion on the topic.

Dick Walter asked everyone to review the Life Member list and let him know if there are others that would be eligible.

Pat Veraguth reported that MSPS has a motion tabled to abolish their lobbyist and was wondering if MACS organization has any concerns or suggestions. Most in attendance felt that the lobbyist was worth having and should stay.

Larry Hoiium asked ab out Light Squared proposal and impact to GPS surveying community. Discussion on what has been happening.

Next Meeting: Wright County in September.

Motion to adjourn by Tim Wotzka. Second by Robin Mathews. Meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM

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