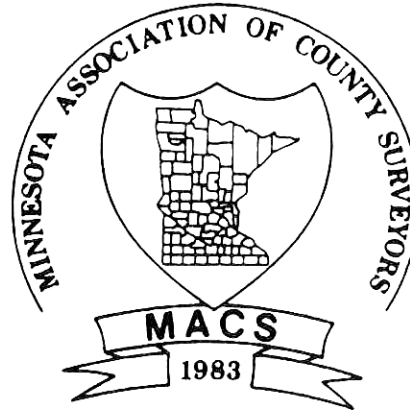


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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Minnesota Association of County Surveyors

May 16, 2013

MACS Meeting @ Stearns County.

Dan Baar called the meeting to order at 10:03 P.M .

In Attendance: Jim Hentges, Dan Baar, Denny Kron, Tim Wotzka, Steve Jobe, Bob Kovanen, Russ Heiling, Scott Marlin, Lisa Hanni, Tom Veenker, Mike Welling, Larry Hoium, Dan Wormer.

**Approval of Minutes:** March 12th, 2013, Motion Lisa Hanni. Second by Tim Wotzka. Approved.

**Membership report:** 35 Voting members, 5 Affiliate members

**Treasurer's report:** \$14,643.98 in treasury of which \$5000 is obligated to the GLO notes scanning project.

**Legislative report:** No update.

**Long Range Planning Committee:** Lisa Hanni reported there is some interest in presenting a topic at the AMC Conference. Bill Brown volunteered to submit topic for the work they are doing at Hennepin County with Lidar data and water boundaries. Also, discussion on a Fall Seminar topic.

**Mississippi River Commission notes:** Guy Carlson reviewed notes on MRC for group. Tim Wotzka said the notes show topography and buildings. These notes were prepared for the Army Corp of Engineers and the State of Minnesota. Tim advocated getting these notes scanned and available to all. Group had discussion on this and felt this was a good idea. Discussion on what to do with money previously allocated to the Government notes scanning project that is not needed for that project anymore. **Lisa Hanni made motion to unallocate the \$5,000.00 dollars previously allocated to the Government Notes Scanning project. Denny Kron seconded the motion. Motion approved.** It was mentioned that there may be similar notes on the St. Croix River also.

**MnGEO Legislation:** Denny Kron reported that he and others had worked on the bill to do what they could and that the consensus was that it would pass. Denny also reported that a MnGEO – MnDOT centerline mapping project has been shelved. There was much discussion on the legislation and related topics. Also discussion on the misuse of GIS data that people have experienced.

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**Easements on plats:** Mike Welling discussed statutory easements on plats (MS 505.021 subd. 7 and MS 505.01 subd 1) and some conflicting language. One section is limited to Drainage and Utility easements (MS 505.021 subd. 7) and one included Public Ways. Mike suggested that Public Ways should be added to MS 505.021 subd. 7 to cover Public Ways also. This is something that should be combined with the Surveyor Certification issue to fix at some point. Mike also brought up the issue of small text on plats and that there is nothing specified in the statute and what we could do to address this issue. Mike also noted there are other issues to address as well.

**Judges ruling on abandoned road:** Mike Welling discussed a recent judge's ruling that a public road had been abandoned and reverted to the underlying owner. There was much discussion on the topic and several cases were discussed.

**State Board update:** Lisa Hanni updated the group on items at State Board. Lisa said they are moving on with the Surveyor language and that it will go forward next year.

**Statewide DEM projects update:** Steve Jobe reported there have been no meetings scheduled recently and that there is not much going on at the moment. Mike Welling noticed some issues with LiDAR data in Washington County.

**Government notes scanning project update:** Dan Baar showed the group what he has downloaded and put together in a 3 ring binder for the Ramsey County notes. Some people commented on problems they have had downloading the notes and that they have seen some differences between the scanned notes and County notes.

**Old Business:** Lisa Hanni suggested that the group start putting together a list of statute changes we would like to see. Mike Welling volunteered to put together a list.

**Other:** There was discussion on aerial photography projects for this past spring and how things went with the late spring. Dan Baar said Ramsey County cancelled their aerial project because the leafed out conditions would have obscured impervious surfaces which was one of the big items the County wanted to get from the flight. Washington Scott, Dakota and Carver all had projects this spring. There was much discussion on the unusual spring.

Mike Welling initiated discussion on the platting of the bed of a lake and the significance of the lake being navigable and difference between meandered and non-meandered lakes.

**Next meeting:** Next meeting July 25<sup>th</sup> @ Little Log House Pioneer Village.

**Adjourn:** Tim Wotzka made motion to adjourn meeting. Denny Kron second.