

May 25, 2000

**Attendance –**

Chad Kudym – HDR Engineering  
Scott Richert – Lancaster County Assessor’s Office  
John Beran – State Surveyors Office  
Gail Knapp – City of Omaha Planning Dept.  
Teresa Silence – Applied Data Consultants  
Ed Kelley – Nebraska Department of Roads  
Jim Lacy – CALMIT UNL  
Josh Lear – Nebraska NRC  
Dave Smith – Lancaster County Extension Office

**Agenda**

- 1) Approve Minutes (Group)
- 2) Treasurers Report (Lacy)
  - a) What to do with the balance of account?
  - b) Post Office Box?
- 3) Constitution and Bylaw maintenance (Group)
- 4) Annual Meeting Follow-Up (Group)
  - a) Summary from meeting for web page
- 5) Directory mailing (Group)
- 6) Report on Mid-America Mtg. (Silence)
- 7) GIS Education (Dave)

**Other Business**

None on agenda

**Approve Minutes**

A motion was made by Jim Lacy to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2000 meeting. After a second by Ed Kelley, the motion carried.

## ***Treasurers Report***

Income and Expenditures since last report on March 16

### A. Income

- a. Memberships: \$795.00
- b. Interest: \$34.74
- c. Annual Meeting Registrations: \$60.00

### B. Expenditures

- a. Raffle Prizes: \$104.37
- b. Association Banner: \$110.76
- c. Postage for Ballots: \$51.20
- d. Caterer for Annual Meeting: \$351.00
- e. Membership Directories: \$128.60

### C. Balance of Checking account on 5/25/00: **\$10,341.39**

## Membership Renewals

- A. 145 Members as of 5/25/2000.

## Tax Exemption

- A. Form 1024 to be recognized as 501(c)6 started.

Jim asked the board if we wanted to move some of the account over to a CD or Money Market fund. The board was unsure of what was available, so Jim offered to gather information on what would be best for the Association money.

The issue of getting a Post Office box was also discussed. The board did not feel it necessary at this time.

## ***Constitution and Bylaw Maintenance***

Only a few comments were received from the membership on the Bylaws and Constitution. The board will look them over as time permits.

## ***Annual Meeting Follow-Up***

Ideas for the next annual meeting were generated. Finding keynote speakers was suggested. Set aside time for separate Steering Committee meeting, or do not have meetings in conjunction. It was felt that the breakout sessions took people away from the Steering Committee. Another item is to have an agenda ready early so that the membership has time to look at it and make suggestions. The Association would like to find somebody that could find out all the current GIS projects in Nebraska, and could help reduce cross-data development. Teresa will put together a feedback questionnaire to get

some kind of input from the association. The board has decided to say no for now on helping plan the next MWGLAIUG meeting. It was decided that there might be too much involved. There will be an envelope stuffing party for the membership directory scheduled for later. Dave Smith volunteered to find out if the Lancaster County Extension Office will cover the cost of the mailing. John Beran will prepare the comments from the meeting for the web page.

### ***Report on Mid-America Meeting***

Those on the board who attended the Mid-America meeting gave their feelings on how the meeting went. It was thought that overall the meeting was great, the sessions and meetings were impressive, the user group worked well together, but the program needed work. It was also felt that the meeting rooms were too small. A possible candidate for a keynote speaker for an Association meeting was Richard Allen from CGIS. Richard is part of the Cincinnati consortium to aggregate data. Richard suggests engraved invites to policy makers to get them to GIS meetings. Board members making the trip believed that the Association booth at the meeting had plenty of visitors and a lot of the brochures were taken. Another suggestion is to see if the Association can pool licenses for the big ESRI conference in San Diego, giving the unused free registrations to others in the state that would like to use it.

### ***GIS Education***

Dave Smith informed the board that the Lancaster County Extension Office would be holding a meeting to discuss setting up GIS education. The first meeting will be a brainstorming session. It was thought that cooperation with GEON could be beneficial. Dave also hinted that the first meeting might be held in conjunction with the Eastern Users Group meeting.

### ***Other Business***

The idea of collecting information on grants that are available for disbursement was suggested. There will be a GIS Forum on September 14<sup>th</sup> at East Campus Union, where Marcus Tooze will be presenting.

### ***Next Meeting***

The next meeting has been scheduled for 10:00 am June 22, 2000 at the Nebraska Department of Roads Highway Commission Room. The room is down the left hall at the main entrance of DOR.

Meeting minutes submitted by John Beran, State Surveyor's Office