

Wright County GIS User Group
Meeting Notes from Thursday, February 4th 2010
Wright County Government Center Rm. C118

There were no official agenda items presented for this meeting. We started the meeting off by going over the action items from the previous meeting.

Mission statement examples were distributed by email prior to the meeting. We had a short discussion on this topic and decided that Mike Pooler would put something together and send it out prior to the next meeting.

A web page was created on the Wright County Surveyor home page called "Wright County GIS User Group". This page will be used for placement of meeting notes, meeting dates, contact lists, as well as any other items needed in a central location for the group. This page was shown at the meeting with a quick glance at the email contact list for the group and also the GIS data survey results from the forms turned back in.

Beacon has had the city parks and trails updated. This was also displayed at the meeting. Any specific comments or questions regarding how the parks and trails are displayed in beacon can be sent to Mike Pooler. Also, any ideas about how the layers can be better utilized would be appreciated.

The members of the group all seemed to be interested in how others in the group are using GIS. With this interest in mind we decided to incorporate some demo time into our next meeting, or meetings, depending on the need. GIS Rangers will demo some of what is going on in the City of Otsego. Bolton & Menk may also show what they have developed for Albertville. Depending on how this goes we may want to continue with everyone having a chance to show how they are using GIS in their office.

We also decided that it seemed silly to try and reinvent this type of group since so many have done this before. At an upcoming meeting we thought it may be a good idea to have a county such as Carver or Dakota in to discuss the growth of their user groups. This may be able to help us avoid potential pit falls associated with a group of this nature.

The date for the next meeting was set to be May 6th, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Wright County government center room C118.