

Black Hills Digital Mapping Association – Board Meeting Minutes 7/19/05

Board meeting was held at 1:15 pm during the Black Hills Digital Mapping Association (BHDMA) membership meeting at the Rapid City/School Administration Center, 300 6th St, Rapid City, South Dakota. All members present were invited to attend.

1. Roll Call of Board Members

Foster Sawyer, President – present
Jenny Sorensen, Secretary/Treasurer – present
Don Jarvinen, Local Representative – present
Tim Cowman, State Representative – present
Denise Miller, Federal Representative – absent
James Rattling Leaf, Tribal Representative – present
Dan Falbo, Private Sector Representative – present
Kelly Lane, Academic Representative – present
Brett Runge, Member-at-Large - present

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting - none

3. Old Business

- a. Board of Directors Election Results – Foster Sawyer presented the election results for the officers and board members and introduced the board to the membership.
- b. Articles of Incorporation - Since the last membership meeting in October, 2004, the organization became incorporated as a South Dakota non-profit organization and was renamed the Black Hills Digital Mapping Association. The articles of incorporation and bylaws of the association were made available to the board members and other members who were interested.
- c. Employer Identification Number – The association has also received an employer identification number (EIN).
- d. Bank Account Established - Since the last membership meeting, the organization has established a bank account at the Black Hills Federal Credit Union.

4. New Business

- a. 2005 NSDI Cooperative Agreement Program – Presented by Jenny Sorensen

The Black Hills Digital Mapping Association applied for a National Spatial Data Infrastructure Cooperative Agreement Program grant on June 16, 2005. The organization filed under Category 3: Geographic Information Coordination. This grant is offered once per year.

Stated goals of the grant:

1. Serve as a model for other geospatial organizations in South Dakota regarding interagency coordination and cooperation.
2. Increase membership.
3. Provide a forum for multi-agency cooperation regarding spatial technologies.
4. Improve data access and use by disseminating information on available data sources.
5. Increase participation in national geospatial data programs by presenting information on these programs.
6. Provide education and training opportunities, specifically in areas of metadata documentation and standards implementation.

The project to be funded under the grant is a two-day membership meeting offering presentations and training during spring 2006. Collaborating organizations include the South Dakota Bureau of Information Technology, the South Dakota Geological Survey, and the Pennington County/Rapid City GIS Division. The grant application included letters of support from Steve Daw, Tim Cowman, Don Jarvinen, and Ron Wencl (USGS). The grant budget is for \$6,000 in awarded grant funds and \$6,000 in matching funds. Of the matching funds, \$5,000 are in labor, equipment, and supplies, and \$1,000 is in anticipated vendor and sponsor fees. Grant awards will not be announced until July 25 at the earliest, and when the announcement is made, an email notice will be sent to the membership.

5. Treasurer's Report

Account balance after the last meeting was \$84.01. Recent expenditures included \$25.00 for incorporation fees, \$31.78 for overnight mailing of grant application, and \$10.50 for new checks. Current account balance is \$17.23.

6. Discussion Items

a. Goals and Ideas of Board

Tim Cowman – Would like to set up a web page that has presentations from our meetings on the site for people to access (convert to .pdf format). The S.D. Geological Survey could host the site on their current website and Mr. Cowman volunteered to maintain the website. Motion was made and seconded to establish a BHDMA website. Motion passed.

b. Date of Next Board Meeting – to be decided later

c. Date and Format of Next Association Meeting

The State (Steve Daw) is thinking about a state GIS meeting on November 17, 2005 (GIS Day). BHDMA could participate in this state meeting.

Comment by Tim Cowman: Need coordination between GIS groups in the state as to when we hold meetings. Summer is a problem because it is difficult for state employees to receive state rates at motels. Spring and fall are good times for membership meetings

7. Adjournment