

Black Hills Digital Mapping Association – Board Meeting Minutes 2/29/08

Board meeting was started at 2:05 pm. MDT. The meeting was held by conference call and adjourned at about 3:25 pm.

1. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Steve Shivers, President – present
 Jenny Sorensen, Secretary/Treasurer – present
 Bill Rich, Local Representative – absent
 Tim Cowman, State Representative – absent
 Eugene Bolka, Federal Representative – present
 James Rattling Leaf, Tribal Representative – absent
 Dan Falbo, Private Sector Representative – present
 Lisa Pingrey, Academic Representative – absent
 Foster Sawyer, Member-at-Large; Vice-President – present

- Steve Shivers will call James Rattling Leaf to touch base.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – reviewed and accepted

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Cadastral Task Force update

- Jenny Sorensen: concerns regarding transferring leadership. Want to see more state leadership - problem with leading an initiative through a volunteer organization vs. a state agency. In addition, Jenny's time commitment is limited, which has been the primary reason for recent slow activity.
- Dan Falbo suggested that this issue be brought up at the next cadastral committee meeting. He also offered to assist in putting the next cadastral committee meeting agenda together.
- Foster Sawyer suggested taking the approach of developing case studies among stakeholders as a way to create a cost/benefit analysis and as a way to justify data development.
- Jenny Sorensen: Department of Homeland Security (DHS) document (Homeland Security Grant Program Supplemental Resource: Geospatial Guidance, February 2008) available at: <http://www.nationalcad.org/showdocs.asp?docid=1036&navsrc=Organization&navsrc2=MeetingDoc>. This document discusses that DHS now recognizes the importance of parcels: "Tax parcels and other local-source content produced at similar scales (water, sewer, power distribution, facilities information, telecommunications, etc.) are perhaps the most important geospatial assets for disaster response. Although other data are no less useful, parcels establish the critical link between who, what, and where that can help guide many forms of response and recovery."

B. Web site status

- Tim Cowman updated Steve Shivers regarding the web site.
- Tim ordered new website design software (Dreamweaver) to use to update the BHDMA website. Tim plans to have a draft web site set up this summer.

C. Post office box/address change

- The following organizations need to be contacted regarding changing our organization's address.
 - USGS – Jenny Sorensen will contact regarding address/contact info that the USGS has for the CAP grant.
 - Federal IRS – will change address when the 2008 taxes are submitted next year.
 - State IRS – Foster Sawyer will contact
 - Black Hills Federal Credit Union – Foster Sawyer will contact
 - SD Secretary of State (approve/renew BHDMA's non-profit status) – Steve Shivers submitted address change form and 2008 renewal

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Treasurer's report

- Balance as of 5/15/08 is \$6697.33. There is a pending withdrawal of \$73 for administrative expenses.

B. State non-profit report

- Steve Shivers filed the non-profit report to the SD Secretary of State's office and paid the annual fee and address change fee.

C. Future cadastral activities

- Jenny Sorensen will be scheduling next meeting soon (also discussed above under Cadastral Task Force update)

D. Next association meeting

- Tentative date set for September 24, 2007. Steve Shivers will send out an email to the board to see if there are any known conflicts with this date.
- Dan Falbo suggested the idea of having an ESRI user meeting the afternoon before the BHDMA meeting.
- Steve will contact Bill Rich regarding setting up a meeting place in Sturgis.

E. Cooperation with other regional organizations

- Steve Shivers suggested the possibility of having a State GIS meeting – bringing together STC/BHDMA/State to put a State GIS meeting together. Also suggested the possibility of a Dakotas meeting (SD/ND).
- Steve will follow up with organizations to gauge their level of interest.

F. Future grants – nothing to update at this time

G. Next board meeting

- **July 17, 2008, 1 pm MT**
- Steve Shivers will check with Lisa Pingrey to make sure this date and time works for her.

5. ADJOURN at 3:25 pm.