

**Capital Area Council of Governments  
Geographic Information Systems Planning Council  
Summary Minutes**

**CAPCOG Boardroom  
Tuesday, January 31, 2006 10:00 – 11:30**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Heidi Dues, Travis County, **Vice Chair**  
Kathy Strickland, Blanco County  
Steve Floyd, Hays County  
Dawn Moore, Fayette County, **Chair**  
Chris Bryce, City of Georgetown  
Joan Hickey, Hays County  
Julie Sommerfeld, Bastrop County  
Chris Collier, Williamson County

**GUESTS PRESENT**

David Shore, City of Cedar Park  
Dolph Scott, City of Austin  
Richard Semple, Williamson County  
Richard Kelly, Plant Equipment, Inc.  
Hugh Bender, Sanborn  
Craig McDaniel, Sanborn  
Karen Adkins, Sanborn  
Bruce Barr, Texas Association of Counties

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

James Judge, City of Austin  
Emily Stluka, Williamson County  
Charlie Meyer, Lee County  
Michael Poer, City of Austin  
Darla Law, Caldwell County  
Tim Dolan, Burnet County  
Clarence McDaniel, Llano County  
Dean Labonte, City of Austin

**STAFF PRESENT**

Sean Moran, CAPCOG  
Robert Mudd, CAPCOG  
Georgette Nugent, CAPCOG

**1. Call to Order**

Moore calls meeting to order. Explains that there is confusion with time of opening of meeting and suggests they wait for a quorum to approve the minutes and elect new officers.

**2. Presentation on the CAMPO 2005 Vacant Land Inventory Project**

Moran gives background of project, explaining that ECT had wanted to do a study of vacant land inventory to use for open space planning. CAPCOG was interested in taking on the project. CAMPO was also interested in the study to see where development would occur in order to plan for roads. CAMPO offered to fund \$12,000 towards the project and CAPCOG brought in two interns to do the work.

The first step was to develop a Regional Parcel Map which consists of parcel line work, parcel identification numbers, land value, improved value, acreage, and state land use code. CAPCOG got back together with CAMPO and decided to look for Prospects, which was every five acre or larger parcel with the land use code of vacant or agriculture. All vacant land data is used to create a basis of analysis for Open Space or Development.

Moran gives a visual presentation of work completed by interns.

### **3. Adoption of Minutes from the October 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Moore asks for a motion to approve the minutes. A correction is made; Julie Sommerfeld was present at October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Floyd makes the motion to approve, Bryce seconds it.

### **4. Election of Officers for the 2006 Calendar Year**

Moore opens the floor for nominations for a new Chair and Vice Chair and gives a review of duties of the officers. Dues volunteers to remain Vice Chair. Floyd volunteers for Chair. The vote is unanimous.

### **5. Update on the GeoMap 2006 Data Acquisition Project**

Moran gives an introduction to the GeoMap project.

Adkins gives a brief introduction of Sanborn and moves into discussion of areas of land that imagery is being made of. She then reviews what Sanborn will be providing including project management and digital photography. Planes will begin flying next week; three planes and three cameras. Adkins shows a visual to compare film and digital imagery.

McDaniel gives information regarding website. The site allows individual to view imagery and make comments and ask questions online.

Moran suggests having a Land Cover Workshop to help people understand what they are looking at while viewing imagery and website.

Adkins reviews deliverables such as Coordinate Systems, Tiling Systems, and GIS Software Formats.

Bender focuses on 2006, 2007 and beyond. Announces February 22, 2006 Land Cover Workshop and discusses what the workshop will cover details such as watershed, land cover, and urban wildfire. He then explains the GeoPortal concept; a server to handle web pages for clients. Sanborn will host the site but recommends that someone familiar with GIS maintain sites for individual cities.

### **6. Discuss Regional Land Cover and Elevation**

Moran explains that there is a need for elevation data (Lidar) though not all communities have the funds in their budget to fund it. He suggests it be discussed over the next 12 months to see if there is enough interest to have the Lidar data in place. The more groups that can come together, the lower the costs. The value in this is to have all organizations working from the same elevation data. The Water Development Board is already interested in during counties towards the West.

**7. Set Date and Location for Next GISPC Meeting**

Meeting dates are tentatively set for April 3, 2006 and April 19, 2006

**8. Adjourn**

Dues makes motion to adjourn. Sommerfeld seconds it.