

Wyoming Geospatial Organization – WyGEO
Casper Meeting

This is a summary of the meeting held on Thursday, February 7, 2013.

I. Presentations

The Casper meeting had six presentations.

“ArcGIS Online: Mobile Field Collecting and Editing” by Bryan Franey – ESRI

“Setting up the WYRF CORS in Casper” by Steven Cowley – WLC

“Natrona County and City of Casper Regionalization” by Denyse Wyskup – NC/COC Regional GIS

“States Implementing Geospatial Web Services” by Jacob Mundt – Wyoming Department of Enterprise Services

“Plotting Deeds in Deed Plotter” by Mike Johnson – Johnson Mapping

“Mapping Fire Data using Map It Fast” by Alan Telck – AgTerra

II. Welcome

Cathy Raney introduced herself and the other Board of Directors and welcomed those in attendance.

III. General Meeting

A. Approve 4th Quarter meeting minutes

Cathy displayed and read highlights of the minutes from the Green River meeting. Jeff Sun made a motion to approve the minutes and Paul Caffrey seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

B. Old Business

1. Ad Hoc Committee to watch Legislature

Cathy reopened the tabled discussion from the Green River meeting to create an Ad Hoc Committee to watch the Legislature. Cathy asked for volunteers to watch the Legislature for bills dealing with geospatial technologies. Cathy also asked those in attendance if there was any geospatial related legislation WyGEO would like to suggest.

2. Other old business

Cathy stated that WyGEO had decided not to participate on the Governor’s GIS Advisory Board. Cathy also stated that Paul Caffrey is developing a survey on educational needs.

C. New Business

1. Stripe Service and raising Professional membership dues

Brett Governanti stated that he has started using Stripe Service which has a 2.9% service fee on credit card payments. He will also be trying out Square which has a 2.75% charge on credit card payments. Cathy proposed raising the Professional membership dues to \$25.00 to cover the expenses WyGEO will have from dues paid with credit cards. Shawn Lanning stated that he opposed the increase in dues. He stated that some of the membership had already paid their dues for this year. Bryan Franey suggested having the member pay the transaction fee. Ian Isaacs stated that credit card companies are already passing on the charges to customers. Brett stated that he finds the clerical automation from using Stripe to be helpful in alleviating much of the manual data entry he has had to do for record keeping. Brett suggested revisiting the conversation to raise Professional dues at the close of this membership year. Eileen Hill suggested that WyGEO absorb the fees. She then made a motion to table this discussion and revisit this topic at the fall WyGEO meeting. Shawn seconded the motion and the membership voted unanimously to revisit raising Professional dues at the fall WyGEO meeting.

2. Geospatial Conference of the West (GeCo West)

Cathy announced that the GeCo West website is live. Cathy stated that the online registration was in the process of being created. The registration fees were announced. Cathy mentioned that there had been a discussion on having a student volunteer program so students could donate working time in exchange for no registration fee. Cathy stated that a volunteer to coordinate student hours would be needed to have this program and asked for volunteers. A call for presentations has been released. Paul suggested to Cathy that she give an explanation of what GeCo West is for those who were not familiar with the topic. Cathy stated that the ESRI South West Users Group, SWUG was a conference that had been in existence for 25 years and rotated between the five states of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. ESRI had announced their decision to concentrate on SWUC which would be a mini user conference for the region instead of SWUG. The five states decided to continue a rotating conference amongst themselves and renamed it Geospatial Conference of the West, GeCo West. Paul stated that the conference will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Laramie. Cathy added that there is interest from Nebraska and South Dakota in attending this conference. Lance Clampitt asked if Montana had been invited to join the conference. He stated that Montana and Idaho participate in the Intermountain GIS Conference. Jacob Mundt stated that this is a regional conference and that all attendees would be welcome. Shawn stated that the program was in development. He added that as information becomes available it will be added to the website. Cathy announced that there will be a map and poster contest and stated that entries should be directed to Destry Dearden. Cathy and Paul announced the social events planned for the conference. Tuesday night will feature a vendor reception and a tech expo. Jacob Mundt will be the MC for the tech expo. Wednesday night will feature a dinner and tour of the Wyoming Territorial Prison. Thursday night will feature a walking tour of historic downtown Laramie concluding with a social at the Laramie Railroad Depot. Cathy then announced that tech tours were being planned for Monday. She stated that the tours will be limited and encouraged people to register early. Tours will include the UW super computer and the CAVE.

3. Next quarterly meeting

Cathy announced that the next quarterly meeting would be held in the NW region. The meeting location will be in Thermopolis in May. In keeping with the schedule established the meeting will be held on May 9th and 10th.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.