



## TIPS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 12, 2008

09:30 – 10:30 AM CENTRAL TIME

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### ATTENDEES:

Harry Morris, Min Kim, Debbie Dale, Bill Winters, Susan Stoyek, Lisa Chavel, Mike Dunn, Jo Gault, Bill Card, Robert Welsh, Tonya Buckmaster, Janine Ferarese, Mary Greene, Paul Clark, Greg Morlock, Alan Wilhelm, Cathy McNish, Dawn Trudeau, Steve Trujillo, Duane Matt, Lou Hamm, Jessica Villanueva, Li-Tai Bilbao. Note Taker: Li-Tai Bilbao

### PRIORITY:

**Geospatial Conference Review** - Lou Hamm asked if anyone had comments about the reviews/survey. Lou mentioned that the Geospatial Data Standards Meeting during the conference went well. Bill Card mentioned that the conference was excellent.

**Steering Committee Action Items** – Full Steering Committee notes are available on the TIPS Team SharePoint site.

**Software Distribution via Web** – Software will be deployed over the web. Mike Dunn pointed out that sometimes there are bandwidth limitations for large file downloads. Lou Hamm stated that if software cannot be accessed via web, arrangements will be made to duplicate software. Many participants brought up the issue of vendors and security.

**Result:** Cathy McNish and Dan Rivers are working on security issues. Dan Rivers will supply the information to provide to vendors.

**Develop Geospatial Tools Application Strategy** – Al Wilhelm is working with contractors. There are 4 volunteers that will be working to determine the needed resources. The volunteers are the following: Julian Calabrese (Montana) - Team Lead, Larry Evans (West Virginia), Len Meier (OSM Mid-Continent), Joe Taranto (Pennsylvania). Al Wilhelm is part of the team because he has helped develop the Geospatial Tool prototype that WR OSM has in place.

**Purchase Trimble Pathfinder for Office** - Bob Welsh did the pricing and has negotiated credits that have benefited the program with approximately a savings of \$3,000. There will be eight available at an approximate cost of \$12,000.

**Purchase Rockware Add-on** – Add-on will cost approximately \$350/copy. We are moving forward to purchase and will likely have it next week.

**AMD Treat update** – Bill Winters stated that we are upgrading AMDTreat to incorporate a module enhancing water quality modeling capabilities. The module will allow users to input water quality, and

with the upgraded modeling, the software will simulate chemical titrations to determine treatment costs. There is a movement to move forward with this upgrade. If successful, this will not come out of TIPS budget.

### **REVIEW ACTION/PENDING ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING:**

**Budget Status Update** – Steve Trujillo stated that we have spent 65% of the budget. There are a few teams that need to spend. June 1st deadline to get all spending arranged.

**Training Program** - Report on status of new policies placed into effect at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Dawn Trudeau stated that the Image Analysis class had been cancelled. More than 400 students have attended training this year. A Training Coordinator's meeting is being planned to discuss the new changes for 2009.

**30-Day cut-off for adding students** – Announced at the Steering Committee Meeting.

30-day cut-off in effect – students can cancel attending but there will be no add-ons within the 30 day window. There is a question open whenever there are less than 8 students.

Steering Committee approved of new way of handling travel where the students schedule directly through SATO and Denver takes care of blocking/paying hotel rooms.

### **ROUND TABLE (STATUS REPORT):**

**Bill Winters:** Requested to know the viability of a Team Meeting for 2009. A discussion was established regarding the cost to hold a meeting at an approximately \$40,000. Some people advocated "Live Meeting" others advocated having a TIPS Team Meeting and adding the "Success Teams" to the mix.

**Mike Dunn:** Expressed concern about purchasing expensive, delicate equipment for loaners. He stated that special transportation requirements should be instituted. Lou Hamm stated that other regions have not had bad experiences.

**Lisa Chavel:** Stated that the thermal camera needs to be re-calibrated. Lou Hamm said that she should coordinate with Diane to initiate process.

**Mike Richmond:** IR camera is not getting to states on time. He is setting up a communication network to facilitate work.

**Bill Card:** Bill Card asked if the draft TIPS Steering Committee meeting notes had been revised regarding NCMGC. Lou Hamm replied that the notes had been revised to reflect that TIPS would continue to fund and sponsor NCMGC activities until such time that this initiative may become its own program in OSM. Bill also reported that KFO continues to make good progress on development of an electronic

permitting capability known as EPACS (Electronic Permit Application Control System). This effort has required major reconstructions of KFO GIS SQL Server databases to support the automated receipt of environmental monitoring data from approved electronic permitting applications. When operational, EPACS will significantly improve the addition of coal mining spatial and attribute data to KFO GIS.

**Min Kim:** Min Kim wanted to know if the TIPS class summary presentations file was maintained in Denver. Lou Hamm replied that he should contact K. Evans.

**Debby Dale:** Continues to work on web page and other Team projects/issues. The Team approved AqQA and GWB as replacement software for AquaChem. We will be asking the Steering Committee to approve AqQA as core software (GWB is already listed as core software).

**Cathy McNish:** ER Mapper Pro will be distributed shortly.

**Tonya Buckmaster:** CAD 2009 has already been distributed. ARCGIS 9.3 will be ready in July.

**Lou Hamm:** Dawn will be gone for the next 3 weeks for CO training.

**Next meeting-** July 1, 2009