

Minutes

2015 WI Presidents Council Annual Meeting

Monday, October 19th, 2015
Chula Vista Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Attendance

County Surveyors Association (Bryan Meyer, Gary Dechant)
County Treasurers Association (Teri Jacobson)
Department of Administration – Division of Intergovernmental Relations (Peter Herreid)
Department of Transportation – Surveying and Mapping (Rodney Key)
Land Information Association (Adam Derringer, Martin Goettl)
Land Information Officers Network (Jodi Helgeson)
Land Title Association (Kris Pelot)
National Emergency Number Association – WI Chapter (Bob Frank)
Real Property Listers Association (Brian Braithwaite, Jean Krumenauer)
Register of Deeds Association (Staci Hoffman, Carey Petersilka)
Society of Land Surveyors (Frank Thousand)
State Agency Geospatial Information Committee (Chris Diller)
State Cartographer's office (Jim Lacy)

Call to order

Meeting called to order by Jim Lacy at 1:00 p.m.

Brief Follow-up on October 2014 Meeting

Last year we discussed an effort by the now-defunct Wisconsin Geographic Information Coordination Council to develop a statewide geospatial strategy. With that group dissolving, no progress was made on the statewide strategy. We also had a brief discussion on Next Generation 911. Not many of the attendees have interacted with their 911 center regarding NG911 issues.

Overview of new Wisconsin Land Information Council – Peter Herreid

- This is an advisory body that will advise DOA on the WLIP
- DOA has final decision-making authority
- Will serve as a mechanism to consolidate feedback from many different groups
- Expected that this group will help develop guidelines for land records modernization.
- First meeting is next week in Oshkosh. Agenda includes:
 - Voting on bylaws
 - Establishing operating procedures
 - Electing Chair and Vice-Chair
 - Begin to discuss what happens after Parcels
 - Program Plan for the WLIP

Statewide Parcel Project Update

- Peter gave an overview of the project status and timelines
- Reports were sent to counties with feedback

- Jodi indicated she thinks counties appreciated the feedback received.

Comprehensive Planning and AB371 – Adam Derringer

- Comp Planning (“smart growth”) has been in place for many years.
- Sen. Moulton introduced bill to allow jurisdictions to opt-out of comprehensive planning.
- In the past, the WLIP funded comprehensive planning grants.
- WLIA is neutral on the matter of comprehensive planning, but concerned some loose language in the bill could have a negative effect on the WLIP.
- The intent of the bill is confusing; i.e., does it intend to remove funding from the WLIP that was previously used for comprehensive planning grants?
- Peter indicated the administration is much more interested in funding WLIP and not comp planning. The possibility is legally still there, but very unlikely to be funded.
- WLIA wants to be sure spending authority of the WLIP isn’t affected.

Consolidation of Register of Deeds, Treasurer, and County Clerk Positions (LRB-3116/1) – Staci Hoffman

- Proposal seeks to merge the three offices.
- This is a problem, because it would create conflicts of interest, eliminate natural checks and balances. The three offices have overlapping deadlines and busy periods that would affect customer service.
- Technically, this proposal is unlikely to save any money, but it is being “sold” as a government streamlining effort.
- Would require a constitutional amendment.
- Staci thinks many legislators feel this proposal is a bad idea.
- The author is seeking co-sponsors, but as of today, nobody has signed on.

Organization Reports

Wisconsin County Surveyors Association (WCSA)

- Been working on the definition of “survey grade” and trying to better-define qualitative terms, at the request of DOA
- WCSA has been doing a lot of presentations lately on surveying to help folks understand what they do. Get in touch with Bryan if you are interested.
- WSLs also has an ongoing effort to educate people on the role of county surveyors. Not every county has a county surveyor.
- Much work needed across the state on PLSS remonumentation. As a starting place, they would like to see PLSS corner monuments along county borders.
- They meet in Neillsville four times per year.

County Treasurers Association

- DNR BRRTS – they would like to see Parcel ID’s included in DNR’s application process
- Just finished an article on county treasurers and what they do in the Wisconsin Counties Association magazine. Working on something similar for the Realtors magazine.
- When providing data to the state, they would like to see disclaimers travel with the data. They are especially concerned with currency of data, state vs local.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT)

- Transportation Project Plats – now available in 70 of 72 counties.
 - Over 5500 have been recorded in 70 counties since 1998.
 - Florence and Kewaunee Counties are the two counties which have not recorded a TPP.
 - TPPs are based on the PLSS system, are tied to the County Coordinate System and are “survey accurate”.
 - About 1400 TPPs have been amended.
 - 25% of the total TPPs recorded. Original estimate was 30% so this is a positive.
- WisCORS (Wisconsin Continuing Operating Reference Stations)
 - 82 Stations operating within the WISCORS Network (Handout).
 - An additional WISCORS station was recently built in St. Croix Falls and will be brought online when the station position has been established, which will be Spring of 2016.
 - Currently there approximately 2000 registered users for the network with 500 being able to use the network at one time.
 - CORS stations in Minnesota, Iowa and Michigan, will be incorporated into the network when testing has been completed (2016). Iowa also uses Leica receivers which may be an issue.
 - Currently \$350k/yr maintenance cost to run WisCORS network. WisDOT management is currently in discussion with DOA regarding a yearly user based fee to maintain the system.
 - Geodetic Surveys Unit is investigating the possibility of using solar power to operate a WISCORS station. It costs approximately \$25/yr in electricity costs to run a CORS station.
- Wisconsin Geodetic Survey Control Network (Height Modernization Program)
 - Over 8000 Passive Monuments Statewide...All in the ground.
 - Phase 8D (Handout) – Leveling and GPS work in Phase 8D was completed in 2014. Phase 8D tentatively scheduled to be published by NGS in late Fall 2015.
 - Phase 8E – Leveling and GPS work completed in 2015, tentatively scheduled to be published by NGS in Spring 2016.
 - Over 100 monuments have been destroyed because of highway projects. Due to recent additions to FDM/CMM, with permission from the Project Manager, we can now charge back the cost of replacing destroyed stations to the WisDOT project that destroyed them. Depending on the station it costs between \$8k – \$25k to replace a station.
 - With Initial Development efforts coming to an end, Mark Maintenance activities have been ongoing and will continue to be a critical focal point of the Wisconsin Height Modernization Program well into the future.
- HAMS – Highway Access Management System
 - HAMS uses Arc GIS to import specific layers from C3D TPP DWGs which also incorporates Oracle as its Database.
 - Database which keeps track of ultimate r/w, access, new r/w parcels, driveway permits, etc.
 - HAMS System has geo-referencing capabilities.
 - Plan is to have the system up and running initially by WisDOT in the Spring of 2016.

- Ultimate goal is to work with DOA and SCO to tie all of this info into the statewide parcel mapping project.

Wisconsin DOA Division of Intergovernmental Relations (DIR)

- Ed Eberle resigned, and is now working at Wisconsin DNR. He was a strong supporter of the parcel map initiative, WLIP, coastal issues.
- 2016 grant applications have been released
- 2017 grant applications expected next October 1.
- Planning beyond parcels – need to be strategic, can't address every possible need.
- Digital Coast act could bring more funding to Wisconsin for coastal GIS issues

Wisconsin Land Information Association (WLIA)

- WLIA has spent many hours on lobbying for the creation of WLIC (described earlier)
- WLIA is planning to absorb task forces from WIGICC. Still figuring out the specifics of how that will happen and when.
- Formed a municipal GIS special interest group
- WLIA regional meeting is coming up next week, annual conference is in February 2016.
- WLIA also involved in the planning of a multi-state GIS conference to be held in La Crosse in May.

Land Information Officers Network (LION)

- Many counties working on their Land Records Modernization Plan – three year plan to guide expenditures. Previously was a five year plan.
- RODs included as a foundational element for the first time
- LION is meeting next week at the WLIA regional.
- Jodi participating in PRIA (Property Records Industry Association) GIS workgroup – will be attending the joint URISA-CAMA conference in Georgia in February
- Trying to educate other PRIA members on the benefits of GIS integration

Wisconsin Land Title Association (WLTA)

- “Know Before You Owe” is a big initiative in the lending industry. Consumers need to be more aware of what they are getting into. New forms:
 - Loan estimate
 - Closing disclosure
 - New timing requirements for disclosures
- They are also involved in a big push to help consumers understand the role and importance of title insurance.

Wisconsin Real Property Listers Association (WRPLA)

- Interest in expanding annexation review to all counties beyond those with populations exceeding 50,000
- Association concerns and efforts to meet the DOR requirement for the transmittal of the final assessment rolls in a XML format
- Possible updates the Wisconsin Property Assessment Manual (WPAM) especially changes made to Chapter Five of the manual
- Consensus among various groups regarding the use of the HT-110

- Seeking out other concerned parties interested in reforming the state condominium statues
- Listers are located in many different types of offices, so it sometimes takes longer to reach consensus on issues

Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association (WRDA)

- AB-374 & SB-279 – Real Estate Conveyance Bill, this bill requires every conveyance to submit an electronic real estate transfer return (eRETR), with the exception of exemption 1, which is for a conveyance previous to October 1, 1969 (before chapter 77.25 existed) and exemption 10M as this solely designates a TOD beneficiary it does not convey a property. This will create a better state data base for those who search the DOR's website. We would appreciate everyone's support of these bills
- Rep. Katsma has proposed legislation for LRB-3450/P1 shortening the redemption period for sheriff sales – we have contacted him asking for a possible amendment to make it mandatory for the clerk of courts to submit the sheriff's deed directly to the register of deeds. If he is willing we would ask for everyone's support. This will ensure the tax rolls reflect the true owner and assist in eliminating abandoned properties where more crime occurs. We will keep the group informed of the activities
- The Joint Alpha committee will be working on suggested changes and clarification on the HT-110 form and rejection reasons that may be affecting TRID's new regulations
- The WI Electronic Recording Council will be working on issues related to Return To Addresses on electronically submitted and returned documents.
- WRDA has created a Condo Committee to address the many issues with recording condominiums and their declarations, we will suggest the committee work with the surveyors, title industry and real property listers
- We have also asked for the groups associations to oppose LRB-3116/1 combining the offices of the county clerk, register of deeds and treasurer. At this time Rep. Sanfelippo did not get anyone to co-sponsor this bill, but it can still be presented as the only sponsor. Since the legislative sessions are trying to get everything done before the holiday break it may get slipped in quickly. Staci will send out any information regarding this possible legislation if necessary.

Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors (WSLS)

- Working to fix administrative code related to passage of surveying bill from last year
- Ordinary high water marks
 - Hard to get a determination from DNR, delays sales process
 - Important to get surveyors involved
- ALTA surveys - new standards next February
- Land Information Council - many people want to see this succeed
- Concerns about Raising fees for WISCORS
- Doing more outreach to younger surveyors for the organization

State Cartographer's Office (SCO)

- SCO is working closely with DOA on the statewide parcel project, as described earlier by Peter
- Work underway on the statewide land cover project that will map land cover (not land use) with 30-meter pixels across the state.

- See our annual report on the SCO website for a complete rundown on our major activities.

Wisconsin State Agency Geospatial Information Committee (SAGIC)

- Several state agencies have been busy dealing with avian flu outbreak and providing GIS support.
- GIO Jim Giglierano is putting a lot of time into coordinating 3DEP grant applications for counties to receive new or updated LiDAR.
- SAGIC issues: data sharing, data exchange, aerial imagery program, addressing
- Wearing his NSGIC hat, Chris described the Spatial Data Act. Will send more information to the group.

National Emergency Number Association – Wisconsin Chapter

- NENA and APCO work closely on 911 issues
- “Police and fire protection fee” was intended to fund 911, but it does not. All fees go to the state general fund. 911 centers can’t get at the funding that was originally designated for them.
- They are gearing up to address this situation in next legislative session.
- Rock and Dane Counties are now functioning with NG911

Summary of Action Items

1. Watch the Presidents Council e-mail list for more information on AB371 if it begins to gain traction.
2. WRDA requests that organizations oppose LRB-3116/1 if it is introduced.
3. Chris Diller will send information on the Spatial Data Act to the email list.
4. Bob will share information with the group on NG911.

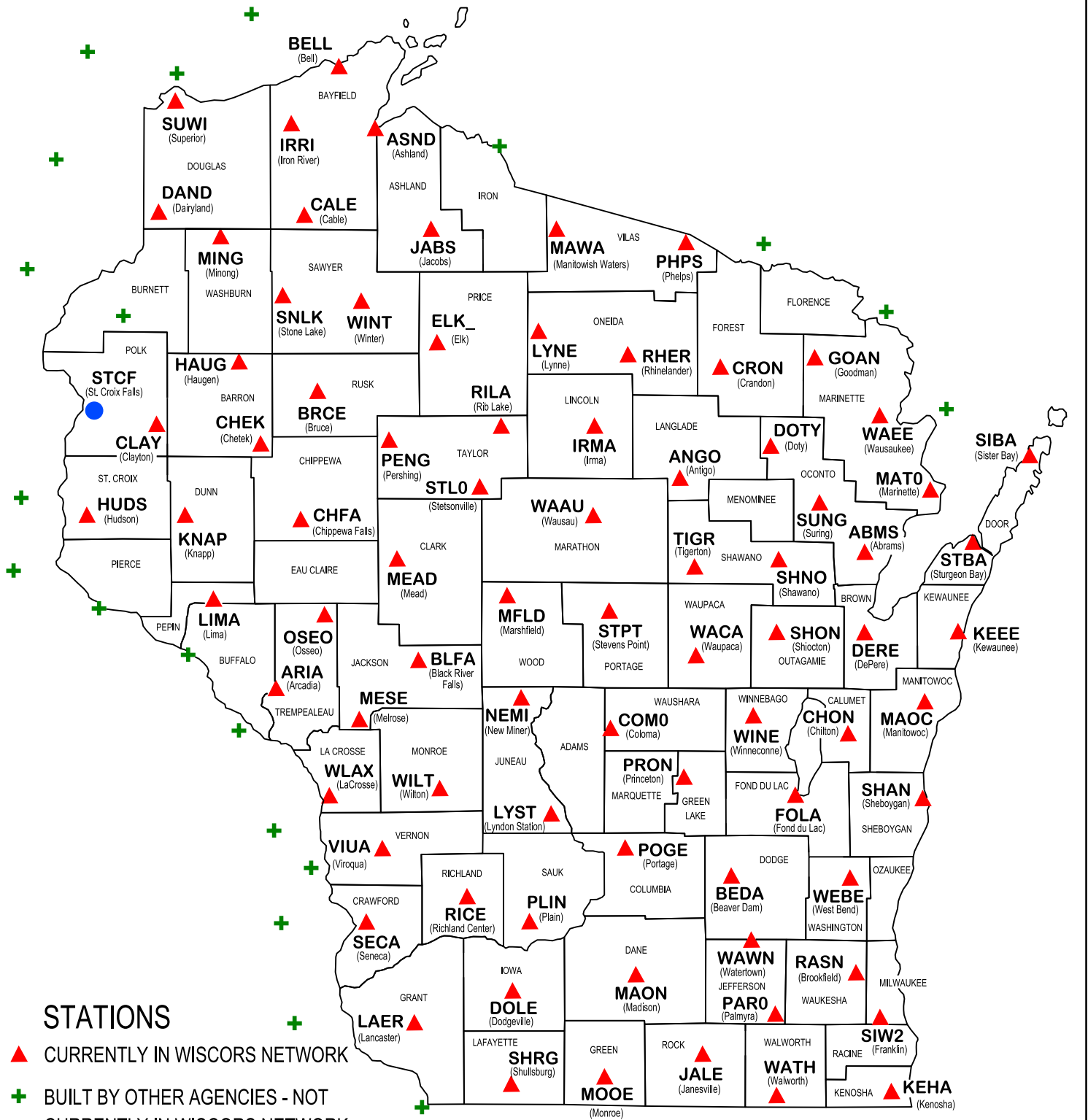
Next Meeting

Group agreed that continuing to meet in person vs. teleconference is preferred. Next meeting will be in October 2016, specific date and place to be determined.

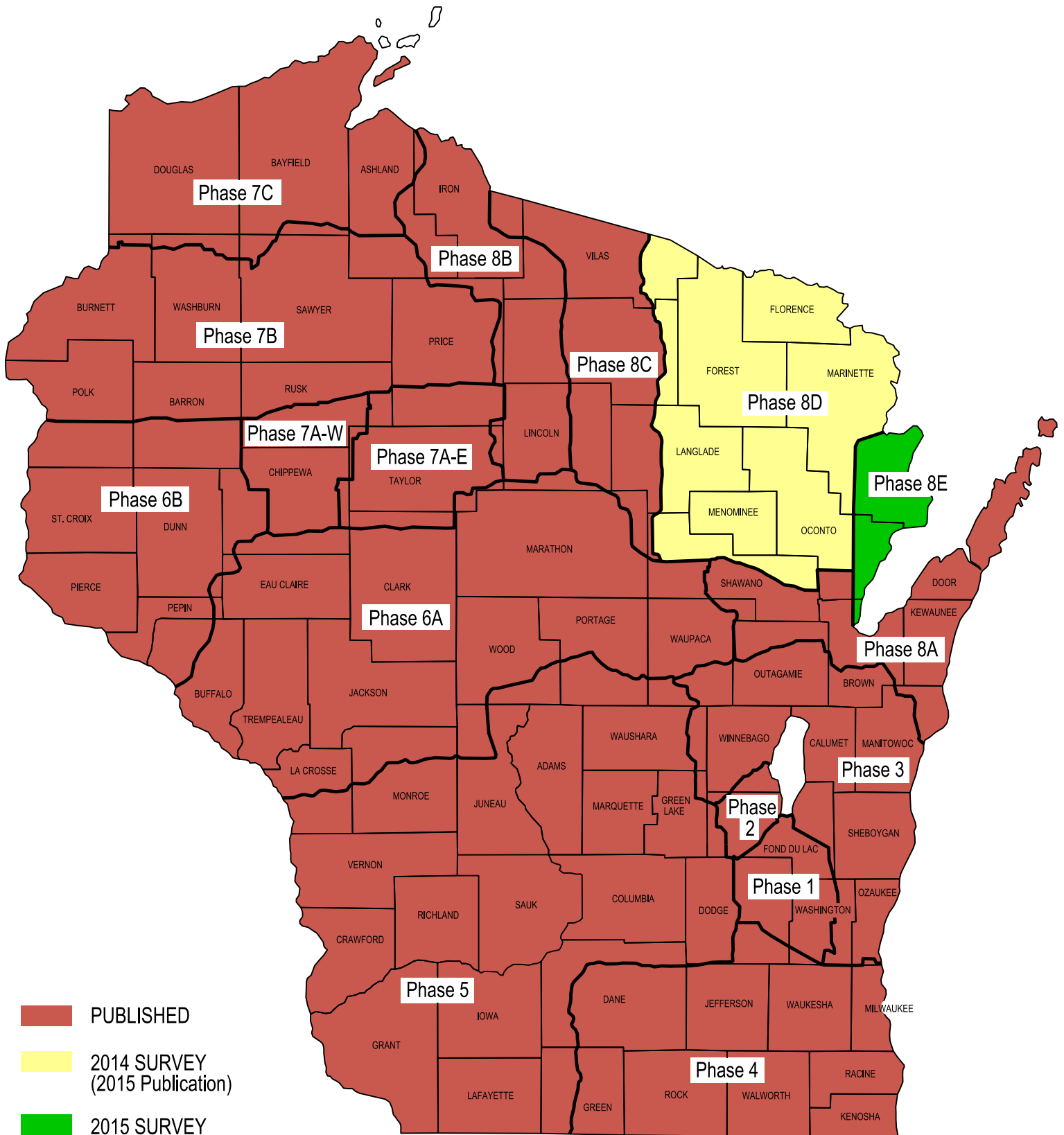
Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

WISCORS NETWORK STATUS



WISCONSIN GEODETIC SURVEY CONTROL NETWORK



NOTE: For initial development efforts, construction of all passive monuments was completed in 2014.

Status as of January 2015