

MINNESOTA METRO PREP MINUTES

April 6, 2006

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kim Stender	Carver County
Kelly Hanson	Carver County
Joel Beckman	Dakota County
Larry Unger	Wright County
Lynette Schrupp	McCleod County
Michelle Ashe	Sherburne County
Jay Delveaux	Trusted Solutions Title
Janice	Scott County
Cindy Koosmann	Washington County
Jennifer Wagenius	Washington County
Pat Boeckman	Scott County
Scott Loomer	Hennepin County
Thora Fisko	Chisago County
Jeffrey L. Strand	Hennepin County
Vicki Vogt	Hennepin County
Anna Swerdlich	Old Republic Title
Alex Rolf	Epic Support Services
Tiffany Forsland	Epic Support Services
Gale Walker	Epic Support Services
Scott Tranby	Burnet Title
Deb Gregory	Burnet Title
Jonell Sawyer	Anoka County
Jinnelle Weis	Burnet Title
Bonita Harveux	Secretary of State Office
Larry Dalien	Anoka County
Doug Berg	Chicago Title
Dan Pearson	Edina Title
Carol Leonard	Dakota County
Nancy Carlson	US Recordings
Denny Kron	Stearns County
Bill Lonergan	MN Dept of Revenue
Mike Varani	Stewart Title
Gail Miller	Renville County
Rob Reitz	MLTA/MRESA Leg. Committee
Teresa Mitchell	Dakota County

Bill Peterson	Dakota County
Gail Darling	MN Dept of Revenue
Mike Cunniff	Hennepin County
Shawn Garcia	Title Recording Services
Kathy Conlon	Nicollet County

The meeting was called to order by Geri Kane.
The minutes of the Feb. 2, 2006 meeting were approved.

- Are counties requiring phone numbers on the CREV. General consensus was counties will not refuse if the phone number is missing. The Dept of Revenue is the department that uses them. Possibly use the title companies phone number or marked refused on the CREV. Questions as to whether the E-CREV will require a phone number. Dakota County is looking for contacts to pilot E-CREV's in the next 30-45 days.

OLD BUSINESS

- PREP chapters are springing up all over the State of Minnesota. Marshall and Alexandria have established groups. Willmar, Worthington, Mankato and Rochester have set the dates to organize in their areas. What a great accomplishment for all parties to get together and talk about real estate issues. All minutes can be found on the PRIA website (www.pria.us) The "Standard Recording Slip" can be found on some counties websites, along with the MLTA and MRESA websites.
- The Recording Resource Guide is being updated by Nancy Goblirsch. So far 2 counties have turned in their completed form.. The goal is to have all counties participate in the project. When completed it could be placed out on websites and/or forwarded to outstate companies which send documents to Minnesota for recording. Please send your updated Recording Resource to Nancy Goblirsch.
- Bill Lonergan, Department of Revenue informed us that the DOR is not going to require a special form to explain why a deed only contains \$1.65 on a sale. The DOR will provide a form though, which is optional, for counties if they choose to use it. He stated some outstate counties like it. He also stated that the DOR is committed to electrifying the CREV.

NEW BUSINESS

- Carol Leonard, Dakota County, recapped the electronic CREV project. She then introduced Jason Parker of the Department of Revenue who presented a power point presentation of the process the CREV takes in its lifetime. He pointed out that there are many consumers of the information contained within the CREV. This information may sit on a Department of Revenue server. There will be public access to this information, without the social security information. Several flow charts were passed out regarding the current CREV and the future path of e-CREV. 5-7 pilot counties will participate in this program beginning next spring thru winter 2007 with selected submitters. By the spring of 2008 all counties should be adopting the e-CREV. Consortia of systems are all represented.

There may be participation with maintenance costs. Early adoption phase \$400,000.00. Statewide Adoption Phase \$200,000. Annual maintenance \$90,000.00. Currently, the project only has \$200,000 committed from DOR. There may be a cost to the counties to use the service. County

participation is voluntary. Possible cost to the industry to participate. *Improve partnership with the DOR & counties. *Standardize data exchange. Paper CREV will still be accepted in the future.

- Legislative update-Housekeeping bill for 508 & 508A. A few changes are proposed for document standards. The Department of Commerce supports the proposal to define "title insurance". Foreign judgments were changed last year to allow for filing of affidavit attesting to the lifespan or interest rate from another jurisdiction. If passed will revert for Minnesota law to govern. MS35.16 to raise deed tax from .0030 to .0050 was proposed. Real estate industry as a whole lobbied against it. Failed in committee. It's possible another bill is out there to raise MRT & STD together. No one has actually seen anything. Brownfield cleanup-Hennepin & Ramsey counties are trying to eliminate the sunset of additional STD in their counties. SF32.57 deals with deed tax between owner and contractor and from contractor back to owner.
- ERER task force-Denny Kron-Stearns County was asked to comment on the task force. We have to keep communications open and keep the project running. Electronic recording is very important to anyone handling real estate records. Encourage more counties and trusted submitters to become involved. The SOS has posted a guide on their website to refer to when beginning the process of electronic recording, both for counties and the submitters. Currently 26-27 counties are involved somehow in electronic recording.

Mike Cunniff, representing XML schema subcommittee, reports Wells Fargo is willing to develop a schema for mortgages to be filed electronically. Hopefully this will be the next big benchmark in the next 6-12 months. E-pay group will come into play with the e-mortgages. Future updates from the ERER task force will be most welcome at this group.

- Mike-Hennepin County. Questions regarding how are counties returning documents that have been submitted without self addressed stamped envelopes. Most companies are including return envelopes with their documents.
- P of Atty with transfer document in Torrens was discussed. Counties are handling these documents many different ways. This subject will be forwarded to the newly formed Association of Torrens Examiners.

The next meeting will be June 1, 2006 at 10:00 AM at Anoka County Government Center, Room 710, 2100 3rd Avenue, Anoka. There is parking in the ramp and you will pay only 1.00 if parking ticket is stamped by the County Recorder's Office..

Meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Conlon
Nicollet County Recorder