

SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA PREP CHAPTER



Meeting Minutes ~ May 20, 2009

**Meeting called to order at 10:05 by Dan Ziebell
Hosted by Ziebell Law Office and Sue Alberts with Dodge County**

February Minutes approved

Attendees:

See attached list

E Well Disclosure Roll Out Presentation:

Michael Convery, Janice Stanger and Kathy Dunaway from the Minnesota Department of Health did a training presentation on the e-Well Disclosure Certificate. The system is expected to roll out for use by Title companies and attorney offices throughout the state July 1, 2009. See attachment to email for test site information.

Social Security Numbers on recordable documents:

There was discussion on Social Security numbers on documents submitted for recording. Sue Alberts with Dodge County shared with the group a couple forms law firms can use to eliminate social security numbers from showing on court documents that the public can request copies of (divorce decrees, etc.). This is done through the Courts. Copies of the handouts are attached.

Nominations for Co-Chairs:

If you are interested or want to nominate someone for one public co-chair and one private co-chair for the SE MN Prep Chapter, nominations will be announced at the August meeting. Those nominated will be asked to share a brief summary of what company or county office they are with and what they can bring to the group as a co-chair. The responsibility of the co-chairs is to carry out the Prep meetings. A planning meeting (attended by co-chairs, secretary and hosting company/county) is held one month prior to the actual meeting to go over topic suggestions. If anyone is interested in attending the planning meetings, contact Susan Kramer for date and location. Most meetings have been held in Rochester. Send your nominations to Susan Kramer so you or your nominee can be listed on the August agenda. Voting will take place at the November meeting.

Grantor/Grantee ~ Dan Ziebell with Ziebell Law Office:

Dan shared with the group the importance of searching the grantor/grantee index

when researching county tract records. There was a court of appeals case regarding a mortgage that was not properly tracked at a county on one of three parcels. That particular parcel sold, title showed no open mortgage due to the fact it was not tracked to that parcel and later that mortgage was foreclosed on.

County Recorder Updates:

Winona ~ Recordings are up and they are still working on LandShark. They are recording a number of mortgages that are only applied to the home site instead of the entire farmland.

Freeborn ~ No new update on LandShark.

Dodge ~ Dodge County now does passport pictures. Their IT department is working on Beacon.

Houston ~ Houston County has access to Beacon. No charge to access the site at this time.

Steele ~ They just finished imaging tract indexes, however, images are not available on line at this time.

Olmsted ~ Recordings have picked up significantly.

Next meeting:

The next SE MN Prep Meeting will be hosted by Adams, Rizzi & Sween, Hoversten Law Office and Mower County on August 19th at 10:00 a.m. Meeting location in Austin to be determined.

Email topic suggestions to susan.kramer@burnetttitle.com

Meeting adjourned.

Susan Kramer
Secretary / SE MN Prep Chapter

Attendees:

Dan Ziebell – Ziebell Law	Bev Bauer – Houston County
Dave Kiehne – Fillmore County	Kelly Callahan – Freeborn County
Sue Alberts – Dodge County	Avis Lewison – Steele County
Pam Hameister – Olmsted County	Jill Cordes – Mower County
Bob Bambenek – Winona County	Susan Kramer – Burnet Title
Julie Noble – Hoversten Law	Sue Miller – Adams Rizzi Sween
Brenda Wilder – Edina Realty Title	Deanne Wagner – Adams Rizzi Sween
Kim Swanson – Edina Realty Title	Kathy Chamberlain – Home Federal Saving Bank
Dallas Ketchum – Steele County Abstract	