

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 15-115

Pertaining to a Joint Powers Agreement between the Board of Water Commissioners and members of the Ramsey County Geographic Information Systems Users Group.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Staff is seeking Board approval and execution of a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) whereby the Board would continue as a supporting member of the Ramsey County Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Users Group for 2015 through 2017 at a cost of \$2,791 per year, for a total cost of \$8,373.

The Board has been a member since 2006 and the cost per year has decreased over time due to the use of more efficient methods of data gathering and dissemination. The previous three-year agreement had a total cost of \$9,063.

The Users Group is the official distributor of GIS data for:

- Street Centerline data of all metropolitan area counties
- Ramsey County parcel information, including data on ownership, homestead status, and address information
- Aerial photographs of Ramsey County
- Pictometry data, including oblique (45 degree angle) aerial photos

In addition, the Users Group hosts monthly meetings attended by representatives of local governmental units to share news, GIS information and techniques.

Continuing membership in this group will provide staff access to the listed information and the ability to share the costs of gathering and maintaining the information listed above with over 23 members, which include cities, school districts, watershed districts, utilities and other agencies within Ramsey County.

See attached Joint Powers Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval is recommended.