

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 25-1272

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

2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: Infrastructure Strategy & Performance

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 2026 through 2030 at a cost of \$2,728.15 per year, for a total cost of \$13,640.75.

The Board has been a member since 2006. The previous five-year agreement also had a total cost of \$13,765.19.

The Users Group has been responsible for:

- Providing resources for members to attend various training sessions including the ESRI annual conference
- Acquiring a high-quality/high-resolution impervious surface dataset in 2016
- Providing initial access to new imagery and imagery software: Pictometry/Eagleview in 2008 and NearMap in 2018
- Participating in the cost sharing of updated LIDAR data in 2022
- Committed partnership and resources with Ramsey County for ongoing imagery resources through 2026

In addition, the Users Group hosts quarterly 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 the other 20 members. Members include thirteen municipalities, five watershed districts, and SPRWS.

See attached Joint Powers Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval