

CamaUSA/GRM Interface Committee

Meeting convened at 8:30 AM on 5/19/2010 at the ACS offices in Waite Park, Minnesota.

Members in attendance included Michael Cebulla, Gary Grossinger, Kevin Pullis, Cheryl Grover, Angie Johnson, Michelle Bolen and Farley R. Grunig.

Also in attendance were Lana Johnson and Lucy Garding representing ACS.

Review of status of Enhancement 2009.16

This is the enhancement to replace the functionality lost when the CamaUSA user is no longer a user of the ACS tax system. The ACS design is proprietary and is not included with these minutes. Anyone desiring a copy of the design should contact ACS.

Lana reported that ACS was completing alpha testing and they hoped to release the programs for beta testing yet today. ACS had been waiting for a large file from Stearns County to allow testing of the program when dealing with a large volume of data. The decision has been made to discontinue waiting and instead have the beta testers complete this portion of the testing.

Stearns, Carver and Clearwater will beta test. Any other county interested in beta testing should contact ACS and the other beta testers to allow for coordination of efforts.

Kevin will work with Steve Holthaus to create a document explaining the process for creating the download file from GRM and will distribute the document to the beta testers when complete.

Lucy noted that when transferring data stored in GRM using alpha characters the interface would mirror the information coming from GRM. If the characters are lower case in GRM they will be lower case in CamaUSA. They will not be converted to upper case.

It was also noted that GRM is possibly in the process of converting names and addresses currently stored using some lower case characters to all upper case in compliance with a mailing requirement.

Removal of Cross County Modifiers when values transfer from CamaUSA to GRM

Mike had identified the problem and others have confirmed that the process of transferring values from CamaUSA to GRM removes the Cross County modifiers. Cross county information is not typically stored in CamaUSA. This does not appear to be an interface issue. Instead it appears to be an issue with the GRM import process. Mike will file a fault with Manatron. On Kevin's spreadsheet this will be issue 2006.04 #47.

Building Values of Less Than \$50 – NOT discussed by Committee

This item is noted here for information purposes only. It was not discussed at this meeting.

Mike had identified another problem with building values of less than \$50. If the total building value is less than \$50 for the parcel in CamaUSA then the exact CamaUSA value is being transferred to GRM. For instance a parcel with a single extra feature valued at \$6. The \$6 transferred to GRM rather than rounding to \$100.

ACS has been notified of this issue. It is included on their list of items to be fixed. No action required by this Committee. On Kevin's spreadsheet this will be issue 2006.04 #46.

Construction Percent for Non-Agricultural Property

It was noted that as the result of other changes made to accommodate the new construction percentage, the percentage is only being transferred for agricultural properties. This is by design. If any user is interested in changing the interface to include the completion percentage on non-agricultural property, the user will need to file a new enhancement request through the normal CamaUSA enhancement request procedure. On Kevin's spreadsheet this will be issue 2006.04 #48

Increasing the Number of Individual Parcels that can be Transferred

Currently when transferring individual parcels the user is limited to five parcels per transfer. The screen for listing parcels to be transferred appears to have blank space available that could be used to expand the number of parcels per transfer.

Motion by Gary and seconded by Michelle to submit an enhancement request to the CamaUSA Advisory Committee requesting that the number of parcels that can be included per transfer be expanded to utilize all of the available space on the current screen used to specify parcels to be included in the transfer. Motion carried.

Enhancement request form was completed. This is enhancement request 2010.05. Farley will present the request to the CamaUSA Advisory Committee at their meeting later today.

Note: The request was submitted. The CamaUSA Advisory Committee approved sending the request to ACS for design and estimate. If this enhancement is implemented it will be available to all CamaUSA users regardless of the tax system they are using.

Lana and Lucy left the meeting.

Review of Jeff Watkins' list of Manatron TFS with no MN Fault

Farley had received clarification from Jeff Watkins that Change Order and Change Request are synonymous terms. The items on the Manatron TFS list indicating the need for a Change Order do in fact need a Change Request from this Committee.

The following review was done using Kevin's spreadsheet (attached and made part of these minutes) as well as Jeff's spreadsheet (attached and made part of these minutes).

TFS 3504

This was an issue identified early in the testing process. Subsequent changes to the program and user created reports appear to have negated the need for this change. Motion by Angie and seconded by Michelle to cancel. Motion carried.

TFS 3529

This was an issue identified early in the testing process. Subsequent changes to the program and user created reports appear to have negated the need for this change. Motion by Gary and seconded by Michelle to cancel. Motion carried.

TFS 3567

This was an issue identified early in the testing process. Subsequent changes to the program and user created reports appear to have negated the need for this change. Motion by Angie and seconded by Gary to cancel. Motion carried.

TFS 4135

Jeff reported this item has been closed. Committee agrees.

TFS 5863

This TFS would add additional parameters to the CVI to optionally delete sites if they are not in the import XML. Due to issues currently being experience with CVI, this TFS should remain on hold. No Change Request will be filed at this time. Motion by Gary and seconded by Mike to file a change request for this item when the CVI rules are functioning and stabilized. Motion carried.

Kevin will check to see if there has been a new TFS number assigned for this item. *Note: Kevin checked. This is issue 6 MCCC 0925 dealing with rules still open and issue 23, 25 dealing with site value type both closed.*

TFS 6457

This issue has not been resolved. Jeff's spreadsheet is incorrect in listing this TFS as closed.

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TFS 8726

Jeff reported this item as now closed. Committee agrees.

TFS 9028

Jeff reported this item as now closed. Committee agrees.

TFS 17785

Jeff reported this item as now closed. Committee agrees.

TFS 19519

This is the same as MCCC 0932. This is still an open issue.

TFS 19721

Jeff reported this item as now closed. Committee agrees.

TFS 19723

The Committee disagrees with Jeff. This is still an open issue and should remain on the list. This is the same as MCCC 0925.

TFS 19725

Jeff reported this item as now closed. Committee agrees.

TFS 19918

Jeff reported this item as now closed. Committee agrees.

TFS 20154

Jeff reported this item as now closed. Committee agrees.

TFS 20158

Jeff reported this item as now closed. Committee agrees.

TFS 20160

This is the same as MCCC 0944. This issue has not been resolved and should remain on the list.

TFS 20161

Jeff reported this item as now closed. Committee agrees. *Note: Kevin is looking for documentation for this issue. If anyone has it available please send it to Kevin.*

TFS 20162

Manatron has released the fix for this item. It is waiting for sign off from the beta tester. It should remain on the list until the beta tester has signed off.

TFS 20239

Jeff reported this item as now closed. Committee agrees.

TFS 20766

Manatron has released the fix for this item. It is waiting for sign off from the beta tester. It should remain on the list until the beta tester has signed off.

Mapping Issues

Mike and Kevin identified a list of GRM import mappings that appear to be incorrect. The GRM Mapping should be consistent between the Interface and the Manual Maintenance program.

The issue was referred to Cheryl Grover, Chair of the MCCC Manatron Standards Committee, for review by her committee and requesting a recommendation back to this Committee on how to proceed.

2a/2b Detail Not Equaling 2a/2b Totals on Mini Abstract

This Committee (and others) needs a decision from DOR on this issue before we can tell the software vendors how to proceed. Jason Nord, DOR, will be presenting a session at the MCCC annual conference. This Committee and other users are encouraged to press Jason for an answer at that time. Gary will notify Jason before the conference that this will be a topic of discussion. Hopefully Jason will be prepared to provide an answer.

Transferred Modifiers

Angie reported that she had submitted a request to the enhancement committee concerning the transfer of Green Acre, Agricultural Preserve and other modifiers. A copy of the enhancement request is attached and made part of these minutes. The MCCC Manatron Enhancement Committee has not yet responded to her request.

Training

Consensus of this Committee that there is a need for additional training this summer. Mike is a member of the MCCC Manatron Training Committee. Mike will relay this Committee's concerns to Jill Nolan, Training Committee Chair.

No further business.

Motion by Gary and seconded by Cheryl to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Farley R. Grunig, for the CamaUSA/GRM Interface Committee