

NEBRASKA GIS STEERING COMMITTEE

1:00 PM, Thursday, May 3, 2007

Main Auditorium, Nebraska Department of Roads, 1500 Nebraska Hwy 2, Lincoln

MEETING MINUTES

Roll Call Present (authorized to vote *)

John Beran	*	State Surveyors Office
Mark Bruegger	*	Nebr Public Power District
Lash Chaffin	*	League of Nebr. Municipalities
Chris Chalmers	*	HHSS
John Erickson	*	Governors Policy Research Office
Ray Fox	*	USGS
Steve Henderson	*	Chair, Office of the CIO
Les Howard	*	UNL Conservation & Survey Div.
Lee Kohrs	*	Dept. of Roads
Jim Langtry	*	Lancaster County Engineers Office
John Miyoshi	*	Lower Platte North NRD
Steve Rathje	*	Natural Resources
Larry Seifert	*	NACO
Duane Stott	*	Scotts Bluff County Surveyor
Paul Yamamoto	*	Environmental Quality

Others

Larry Zink GIS Steering Committee Coordinator
Lori Lopez Urdiales, Office of the CIO

MEETING AGENDA

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF AUDIENCE ATTENDEES

Steve Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Eleven members were present at the time of roll call. A quorum existed to conduct official business. Open meetings law is posted on the south wall of the room.

PUBLIC MEETINGS REGULATIONS AND POSTING OF THE SAME

It was noted that the public meetings regulations were posted and available for meeting attendees, as required by state statute.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FROM ATTENDEES

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 1/4/07 MEETING

Mr. Fox moved to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2007 meeting as presented. Mr. Chaffin seconded. No corrections were offered and a roll call of the members present passed the motion unanimously.

IMAGERY INITIATIVES

[Nebraska-Iowa Regional Orthoimagery Consortium \(Ni-Roc\) 2007](#)

Projected boundaries for the 12" Ortho include the counties of Madison, Dodge, Saunders, Buffalo and Adams. The project is estimated to cost 1.3 million dollars.

Mr. Bruegger arrived to the meeting.

[FSA/Surdex Offer of 2006 Statewide 1-meter Imagery](#)

The USDA Farm Service Agency was not satisfied with the color quality of the imagery originally delivered by Surdex. Rather than Surdex delivering a reprocessed 2 meter imagery (what was originally contracted for), Surdex decided it would provide a reprocessed 1 meter imagery product. This will mean significant savings for Nebraska agencies who had agreed to partner to acquire the 1-meter, color imagery from Surdex, as we will now be able to purchase this product through FSA and the costs will go down from \$50,000 to \$8,500.

GIS-RELATED SHARED SERVICES ACTION ITEMS IN THE NITC STATEWIDE TECHNOLOGY PLAN

[Enterprise Coordination of Internet Map Servers](#). A smaller group was organized to discuss this issue. It was evident that technical resources are needed to accomplish this goal. It was decided to pursue development of a 2-year collaborative project. Funding will be sought to hire a full-time technical staffperson. If successful, funding will come from state agencies, the NITC, and the State Records Board.

Report on Street Centerline Address Work (NDOR, NPSC, and State Patrol). Over the last 9 months, the project has been working with State Patrol dispatch system and the Public Service Commission data. A meeting with the Office of the CIO will be occurring soon. Census Bureau will not be updating street address lines.

[Metadata and Geospatial Data Catalogue Campaign](#). The NITC has approved a metadata standard. Nebraska is a cooperating partner in a MidAmerica GIS Consortium/Missouri grant proposal to FGDC for a regional metadata initiative. This grant proposal has been funded. Under this initiative, each state will cooperate in organizing a metadata training session designed to train a metadata training and support team.

HSIP (HOMELAND SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM) UPDATE

The GIS Steering committee endorsed this effort at their last meeting contingent upon HHSS and NEMA support. HHSS has agreed and is in support. NEMA has been informed but need to follow-up for their decision. Mr. Zink was not able to meet with them due to a family obligation. Members recommended that the GIS Steering Committee meet with NEMA and have a round table discussion, and include other interested agencies and/or entities.

[SCHEDULING MEETING DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2007](#)

Due to Mr. Zink's family obligation, the User meeting was not held this year.

[ELECTION OF GIS STEERING COMMITTEE OFFICERS](#)

Currently, Steve Henderson serves as Chair and Lash Chaffin serves as Vice Chair.

Due to the election of the Chair, Mr. Lash proceeded over this portion of the meeting.

Mr. Miyoshi nominated Steve Henderson to serve as Chair. Mr. Chalmers seconded. With no further nominations, Mr. Miyoshi moved that the nomination cease by unanimous decision. Mr. Chalmers seconded. With no other nominations submitted for voting, Steve Henderson was elected as the new Chair.

Mr. Henderson proceeded with the remainder of the meeting and election of the Vice Chair. Mr. Miyoshi nominated Lash Chaffin to serve as Vice Chair. Mr. Fox seconded with a friendly amendment that the nominations cease by unanimous decision. Mr. Miyoshi accepted the friendly amendment. With no other nominations submitted for voting, Lash Chaffin was elected as the new Chair.

Lee Kohrs is a new member representing Department of Roads.

NITC GIS STANDARDS AND STATE-FUNDED GRANTS

Many outside entities have been applying for grants through the State Records Board. The Board has asked for Mr. Zink's feedback on any grants dealing with GIS in regards to compliance with the standard or guidelines. Mr. Zink has been in discussions with Records Board to formalize the process. Members were asked to send Mr. Zink any suggestions.

STATE GIS JOB CLASSIFICATION

There is interest by agencies for State Personnel to pursue a job classification of GIS professionals. HHSS and DOR are very interested. Discussions occurred about the utilization of GIS professionals. Some are used as programmers. Others are used as engineers. The Department of Roads is going through a re-organization and dealing with this issue. HHSS is addressing the role of GIS professionals in the area of public health. Cities do have position classifications for GIS. It was clear that the committed agencies need to communicate the needed skills and expertise to State Personnel.

It was by group consensus to have it stated on record in today's meeting minutes that the GIS Steering Committee is in support of State GIS related job classification. DOR and HHSS agreed to work together and take the lead in pursuing this initiative with State Personnel.

NEBRASKA GIS STRATEGIC PLANNING

The original GIS goals were drafted in 2001. There has been a lot of change since then in state and federal government. Statutory resources are 15 years old. Federal agencies are looking towards states to coordinate local government and state efforts.

Other states have done this type of planning so the committee will not need to reinvent the wheel. It was recommended to involve agencies and other entities that currently do not serve on the GIS Steering Committee. If possible, it was suggested to invite another state representative to the next meeting to share what they have done.

It was decided to organize a Planning Advisory Committee to draft Nebraska's GIS strategic plan. Mr. Zink stated that he would like to organize regional meetings in panhandle and northeast Nebraska to solicit feedback. Members interested in serving on the planning committee were asked to contact Mr. Zink.

NEBRASKA GIS INVENTORY

Mr. Langtry moved that in order to save public funds by avoiding duplication of efforts; to facilitate data sharing, networking among GIS users, and GIS/geospatial planning on statewide, intergovernmental basis, the Nebraska GIS Steering Committee encourages public agencies and member of the Nebraska GIS user community to complete the online Nebraska GIS Inventory (<http://ne.gisinventory.net>). Mr. Stott seconded.

It was suggested that the RAMONA GIS inventory be part of the strategic plan. Mr. Zink encouraged entities to complete the survey as indicated in the motion.

REPORT ON GIS ACTIVITIES FROM MEMBER AGENCIES

Committee members were given an opportunity to share agency activities.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Langtry moved to adjourn. Mr. Erickson seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.