

NEBRASKA GIS STEERING COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 7, 2006, 1:00 p.m.
Nebraska Department of Roads- Main Auditorium
1500 Nebraska Hwy 2, Lincoln
PROPOSED MINUTES

MEETING AGENDA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brown, Steve	*	Dept. of Roads
Brugger, Mark	*	Nebraska Public Power District
Chaffin, Lash	*	League of Nebraska Municipalities
Erickson, John	*	Policy Research Office
Henderson, Steve	*	Office of the CIO, IT Administrator
Howard, Les	*	Conservation and Survey Division
Langry, Jim	*	City of Lincoln
McIntyre, Scott	*	Omaha Public Works
Menke, Kim	*	Natural Resources District
Poole, Chris	*	Lower Platte North NRD
Stott, Duane	*	Scottsbluff County Surveyor
Yamamoto, Paul	*	Dept. of Environmental Quality

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sudhir Ponnapan, Chris Chalmers, Steve Cobb, Cathy Lange, Patrick O'Donnell, Sonia Sebree; and Cliff Welsh

OTHERS PRESENT: Ray Fox, Jim Richardson, Ken Hardry, Ed Kelley, and Larry Zink

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF AUDIENCE ATTENDEES

Mr. Lash, Vice-chair, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. There was 12 members present at the time of roll. A quorum existed to conduct official business.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FROM ATTENDEES

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 6/8/06 MEETING

Mr. McIntyre moved to approve the [minutes from 6/8/06 meeting](#) as presented. Ms. Menke seconded. No corrections were offered and so the Chair declared the minutes approved, as posted, by acclamation.

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

Enterprise Coordination of Internet Map Servers. A work group has been established to create a data exchange network in real time with links to data. There will be both a public and private site. The private be a more secure site. A presentation has been given to the Governor's Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Group. The group is very interested in seeing further development of the concept.

Project Charter and Funding Initiatives. A [Project Charter](#) was included in the information of meeting document. The project envisions the development of a Nebraska enterprise-level, geospatial data exchange network to enable agencies to access, in an automated on-demand mode, up-to-date data from multiple participating (state, local regional, and federal) public agencies. Funding Initiatives are

moving forward. Initiatives include agency collaborative contributions of resources of software and hardware, grants, and diverting technical support services. Once project is fully development, dedicated staff will be needed.

Report on Street Centerline Address Work (NDOR, NPSC, State Patrol)

This is an initiative of the Office of the CIO, Department of Roads, and the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) for a statewide computerized dispatch system.

Mr. Henderson arrived and proceeded over the rest of the meeting.

The General Attorney's opinion regarding sharing data is that data could be shared among state agencies. The Public Service Commission wrote a letter to the State Patrol that the State Patrol could have access to data but not share. Mr. Chaffin volunteered write a letter to the CIO requesting that data should be able to be shared with other state agencies. Mr. Erickson assured the members that the issue is being addressed with the Public Service Commission. Instead of a letter, Mr. Zink drafted a resolution as a supporting document regarding the committee's endorsement.

Mr. Chaffin moved [approve the resolution](#) Urging an Integrated, Interagency Approach to Developing and Maintaining a Statewide Street enterline/Address Database. M. McIntyre seconded. The motion carried by majority vote.

[Proposed Implementation Categories Map](#) were sent to members for their review and information. The categories map indicated the likely stages of NSP population of their CAD system database with street centerline data. This map is based primarily on the likely Public Service Commission (PSC) funded contracts for street centerline-address data development. In addition to the Option 1 counties shown on the map, it is also likely that Douglas, Sarpy and Lancaster County data will be part of the first phase NSP CAD system implementation.

[Metadata and Geospatial Data Catalogue Campaign](#). USGS worked with University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries in organizing a 2-day training workshop. Approximately, 24 persons were in attendance. Participants will be encouraged to utilize training. Mr. Brown attended and found the training interesting. Mr. Langtry stated that the training helpful to individuals who did not understand metadata.

IMAGERY INITIATIVES

[Nebraska-Iowa Regional Orthoimagery Consortium \(NI-ROC\) 2007](#)

A total of eight RFP responses were received. Only three were interviewed. MG Hardin, of Kansas City, was selected and the contract is in negotiations. The completion date for the imagery project is scheduled for October 2007. The project will cover approximately 7,500 miles of imagery. The City of Omaha, Douglas, Sarpy and Lancaster Counties' willingness to collaborate and along this project to be expanded to included interested jurisdictions outside of the immediate area is a very positive factor.

NRCS-USDA initiative. Mr. Zink reported that he had just received information that NRCS of the USDA is entering into a contract with Surdex, Inc. The contract is to provide 1-meter infrared 2006 FSA imagery that will accessible and available to multiple agencies. This infrared imagery is apparently a bi-product of the 2006 2-meter color FSA-USDA imagery acquisition effort. The question was raised as to how this might impact the tentative plan for FSA 1-meter imagery in 2008.

[FSA 1-meter Imagery 2008](#). For the 2008 initiative, the FSA-USDA has proposed a split cost option of splitting costs 3 ways among FSA-USDA, NRCS-USDA, and the State of Nebraska. It would cost approximately \$385,000 per agency. Some concerns were concerns regarding the accuracy of the 2003 FSA imagery.

Steve Henderson reported that the Office of the CIO has been exploring collaborative efforts for statewide enterprise efforts such as GIS, imagery, centerline street addresses, and data information sharing. The OCIO is also exploring funding options and may have \$200,000-\$400,000 available. If funding were available for the GIS Steering Committee related efforts, the CIO would like to know the Committee's priorities. The CIO would need the support and collaboration of GIS for any new additional funding for new projects. Members of the GIS Committee suggested submitting agency letters of support as users and the reason why we need the data.

Since the immediate meeting discussion did not provide a clear sense of the Steering Committee's relative priorities for potential OCIO funding, a couple approaches were proposed in an effort to further clarify the Steering Committee's relative priorities. Mr. Zink will send out an email requesting responses to a straw poll. An ad hoc committee of volunteers was also suggested to provide the Steering Committee with some further input on possible priorities based on the results of the straw poll and other considerations. Ray Fox, Michael Schonlau, Jon Ogden and Kim Menke were "volunteered" for this ad hoc priorities committee.

NEBRASKA LAND RECORD MODERNIZATION

[LB 565 - NEBRASKA LAND INFORMATION SYSTEM PROGRAM ACT - WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?](#)

LB 565 did not pass last legislative session. Mr. Zink will organize a meeting of the interested groups to discuss next steps. Mr. Brown recommended inviting Mr. Ogden to that meeting.

LIDAR -- SOUTH CENTRAL NEBRASKA

Mr. Zink reported that Ryan Riker, US Fish and Wildlife Service, has submitted a grant to the Environmental Trust for funding for a LIDAR initiative in the Rainwater Basin area (south central Nebraska). The Dept. of Natural Resources has also agreed to partner with this initiative if the grant is successful. If grant gets funded, there will be opportunity to discuss participation and partnership opportunities. A statewide effort on LIDAR is not progressing at this point due to absence of any major funding commitment by any agency, which would provide the foundation for an potential large-scale effort.

CIO ENTERPRISE INITIATIVES DISCUSSION. Topic was discussed earlier. Members asked that Mr. Henderson convey that the GIS Steering Committee is appreciative of the CIO's willingness to partner in enterprise efforts.

[ANNUAL REPORT AND STRATEGIC PLAN -- UPDATE EXISTING OR START ANEW?](#)

Discussion occurred regarding the report's format, updates and the suggestion that the report should be a biennial rather than annual report. After discussion, it was by group consensus to leave the report format as is for 2006, as just an update to the existing Strategic Plan. It was the group's consensus to seriously consider the possibility of a major review and rewrite of the GIS Strategic Plan in 2007.

LOW DISTORTION PROJECTION TOOLS – NGS

Jim Richardson explained the concept low distortion projection tools as a means to make geospatial data more accurate. NGS would provide tool sets for local data. Members were asked for feedback regarding interest in the concept. It was by group consensus that individual members were interested, they could provide feedback but as the GIS Steering Committee would not take any action for endorsement at this time.

REPORT ON GIS ACTIVITIES FROM MEMBER AGENCIES

The Dept. of Natural Resources is completing NHD this year and will be conducting workshops on how to use the information in the spring of 2007. A suggested was made to consider having it close to the GIS Symposium.

Dept. of Roads. The agency is very much interested in the centerline data and information exchange.

Paul Yamamoto, NDEQ, reported that their ArcIMS site is up and running, only internally right now, but it is close to real time development.

Lash Chaffin, League of Municipalities, reported that cities are organizing to stop the ballot initiative to put a lid on state government spending. It will be on the voting ballot this election.

Scott McIntyre, Omaha Public Works, is stepping down and Mike Schonlau will be his replacement.

Mr. Fox announced that the Liaison position for Lincoln will be re-advertised in the fall. Plans are to fill the position by April or May. Oklahoma does have a full-time USGS liaison now, which will free up 1/3 of his time.

The CALMIT office has moved to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, East Campus on 33rd and Holdrege. An open house is planned for September 29th.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE

With no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

The next GIS Steering Committee meeting, will be held on **Wednesday, November 1st**. There is also Nebraska Users Group Meeting.

Vote Tallies for September 7, 2006 GIS Str. Cmte. Meeting

	Roll Call	Street Centerline Address Work Resolution	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7
DAS - Steve Henderson (Lori McClurg)	P	"X"	.	.	.	.	.	.
DEQ - Tom Lamberson, Paul Yamamoto (Mike Linder)	P	"X"	.	.	.	.	.	.
CSD - Mark Kuzila, Les Howard, Milda Vaitkus	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
NGPC - Bruce Sackett, Sudhir Ponnapan (Rex Amack)	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
NRC - Kim Menke , Rex Gittins (Ann Bleed)	P	"X"	.	.	.	.	.	.
PRO - John Erickson (Lauren Hill)	P	"X"	.	.	.	.	.	.
PTD - Cathy Lang , Bob Martin, Rob Christian	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DOR - Jon Ogden , Steve Brown (John Craig)	P	"X"	.	.	.	.	.	.
St.Surv - Steve Cobb , John Beran	P	"X"	.	.	.	.	.	.
Clk of Leg. - Patrick O'Donnell	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sonia Sebree	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
John Miyoshi , Chris Poole	P	"X"	.	.	.	.	.	.
Alan J. Beierman, Mark Brugger	P	"X"	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cliff Welsh	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Larry Worrell, Jim Langtry	P	"X"	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lash Chaffin	P	"X"	.	.	.	.	.	.
Duane Stott	P	"X"	.	.	.	.	.	.
Scott McIntyre, Mike Schonlau	P	"X"	.	.	.	.	.	.
HHSS: Chris Chalmers	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TOTALS	12-P	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

"P"=present, "A"=absent, "+"=voting for, "-"=voting against, "NV"=not voting