

GIS Council Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2013

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Nebraska Department of Roads - Main Auditorium

1500 Nebraska Hwy 2, Lincoln Nebraska



GIS Council • Nebraska Information Technology Commission

Meeting Summary

GIS Council Work Group Presentation A presentation was provided on updates to the Elevation working group by Josh Lear, Department of Natural Resources. The question was raised to the Council if a project management team should be established for a statewide LiDAR Elevation project? The team would need to consider financial, technical, administrative, and stewardship topics.

Working Group Reports and Discussions The Street Centerline Address working group is working towards a data and quality control workflow process for obtaining and developing for a spatial street centerline geodatabase. Core requirements needed for addressing were to continue at the next meeting. The Geospatial Data Sharing and Web Services Network working group has been working on elements for enterprise GIS as an infrastructure. Costs are being developed for maintenance. The Land Records working group assessed the attribute needs from Dept. of Revenue that is currently part of the workflow from the counties. These involved location ID, land improvements, total land and building improvements, school districts, section quarters, and zoning to be included for a statewide parcel database. The Imagery working group has not met but is working on a draft survey for imagery needs. The USDA NAIP imagery will be cached through Amazon and will begin transitioning to the NebraskaMAP production server.

Updates from Member Agencies Various updates were provided by agencies and are included in these minutes.

Other Business Items The GIS Council SharePoint site is ready to be launched. Members will get sign-on information sent to them from the Office of the CIO.

Motions

Motions Carried:

- The January 9, 2013 minutes were approved as presented.

Motions Failed:

There were no motions that failed.

I. Roll Call and Quorum	
Members Present: * <i>Authorized to Vote</i>	Members Absent:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <i>John Beran</i>, State Surveyor * <i>Karis Bowen</i>, DHHS * <i>Rose Braun</i>, Department of Roads * Tim Cielocha, Public Power Districts * <i>Nancy Cyr</i>, Legislative Research * <i>Suzie Fredrickson</i>, <i>Alt. Kyle Otte</i>, Nebr. State Patrol * <i>Jim Koch</i>, Property Tax Administrator * <i>Tom Lamberson</i>, Dept. of Environmental Quality Jim Langtry, USGS * <i>Josh Lear</i>, Department of Natural Resources * Jeff McReynolds, Lincoln Metro Area * Kelly Mueller, NACO * <i>Jim Ohmberger</i>, Office of the CIO * <i>Sudhir Ponnapan</i>, Nebraska Game and Parks * <i>Milda Vaitkus</i>, Conservation and Survey Div. – UNL <p><i>Italicized names are designees to council seats.</i></p>	<p><i>Chad Boshart</i>, NEMA/Military Dept. Lash Chaffin, League of Nebraska Municipalities <i>Dick Clark</i>, Governor’s Policy Research Office Eric Herbert, NACO John Miyoshi, NE Assoc. of Resource Districts Mike Preston, NE Geospatial Professional Assoc. Mike Schonlau, Member at Large <i>Sue Vanicek</i>, Public Service Commission Gary Youell, Omaha Metro Area</p>
NITC Representatives:	Nathan Watermeier, GIS Council Coordinator; and Lori Lopez Urdiales, Office Services Manager, Office of the CIO
Public Visitors:	Josh Daws, Sec. of State Office; Les Howard, UNL; Tim Donze, Surdex; Wendy Austin, UNL; Marsha Munter, NDOR; Chad Kudym, Beehive Industries; Dan Erker, Infogroup;

I-III. General Meeting Formalities (continued)	
Roll Call and Quorum	In the absence of the Chair, Vice Chair Josh Lear, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Roll call was taken. There were 13 members present at the time of roll call. A quorum existed to conduct official business.
Introduction of Audience Attendees	Public visitors were welcomed and were asked to introduce themselves if they wished. Visitors who wished to identify themselves as attending the meeting were to sign the visitor log and their name and affiliation would be reported in the minutes.
Public Meetings Regulations and Posting of the Same	<p>The meeting notice was posted to the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on January 4, 2013. The meeting agenda was posted on the GIS Council website January 30, 2013. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act information was posted in the room for interested persons to review.</p> <p>Mr. Miyoshi arrived to the meeting. Eighteen (18) members were present.</p>
Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting	The Vice Chair, Mr. Lear, asked if there were any suggestion changes or clarification to the previous meeting’s minutes. There were no corrections. Motion: Mr. Cielocha moved to approve the 1/09/2013 minutes as presented. Ms. Braun seconded. Roll call vote: Lear-Yes, Ohmberger-Yes, Koch-Yes, Braun-Yes, Vaitkus-Yes, Bowen-Yes, Beran-Yes, Fredrickson-Yes, Ponnapan-Yes, Cielocha-Yes, Mueller-Yes, McReynolds (Not present at time of vote), Lamberson-(Not present at time of vote), Cyr-Yes, and Langtry-Yes. Results: Yes-11, No-0, Abstained-2. Motion carried.

IV. Work Group Presentation

DISCUSSION

Elevation Business Plan - Josh Lear. A presentation was provided on updates to the Elevation working group. The youngest elevation data for the State of Nebraska is 30 years old. LiDAR covers a good portion of the state and currently the least expensive way to get data. Approximately sixty (60%) of the state has available data. There is a lot of demand for LiDAR data. The question was raised to the Council if a project management team should be established for a statewide LiDAR Elevation project? The team would need to consider financial, technical, administrative, and stewardship topics. A possible Elevation Project Management Team might consist of the following:

Executive Sponsor – Council Chair
 Program Director
 Technical Manager and Advisory Group
 Project Administrator
 Federal Program Liaison
 Stakeholder support

The question of available funding was raised. There is a possibility for some federal funding. As a follow-up to the NEEA (National Enhanced Elevation Assessment) Program, the federal government is promoting a 3-depth program that would cover 90% of the cost for GIS initiatives. The Work Group is considering taking advantage of this program. It was suggested that the Work Group check into the Boulder, Colorado NEON (National Ecological Observatory) Project.

Mr. Lamberson arrived to the meeting.

V. Working Group Reports and Discussion

DISCUSSION

Street Centerline Address Database - Rose Braun. Ms. Braun was not at the last meeting so Mr. Watermeier reported. A data and quality control workflow process was discussed for obtaining and developing for a spatial street centerline geodatabase. Topics of discussion were core requirements needed for addressing. Some GIS members attended a national GIS webinar around addressing. LiDAR building footprints and other sources of data such as imagery are also being considered in the quality control in developing addresses. Douglas County is using LiDAR to do impervious features and building footprints for a stormwater runoff project. Mr. Schonlau would be a good point of contact for more information. The Work Group reviewed work flow as a guide and discussed the role of the Department of Roads in regards to QA/QC. Sue Vanicek was present at the Work Group meeting via phone conference and talked to her about the Public Service Commission docket. The GIS Council did submit comments to the docket.

Mr. McReynolds arrived to the meeting.

Nebraska Geospatial Data Sharing and Web Services Network - Jeff Reynolds. The working group has been working on elements for enterprise GIS as an infrastructure. Costs are being developed for maintenance.

Land Records – Kelly Mueller and Nathan Watermeier. The Work Group met on January 16th. The Department of Revenue's attributes were reviewed. These involved location ID, land improvements, total land and building improvements, school districts, section quarters, and zoning to be included for a statewide parcel database. Jim Koch was thanked for the revenue data. The Work Group has also been discussing work flows among the various groups interested in parcel data.

Imagery - Nathan Watermeier. The Work Group has not met since the last GIS Council meeting but will be meeting next Tuesday at the Western Branch Firehouse. A draft survey for users imagery needs will be presented. The USDA NAIP imagery will be cached through Amazon and will begin transitioning to the NebraskaMAP production server.

VI. Updates from Member Agencies**DISCUSSION**

City of Lincoln/Lancaster County, Jeff McReynolds. Current projects are still City is continues to work current projects - assessment management. Lincoln.ne.args.com has been recently purchased for the city.

Department of Roads, Rose Braun. Last month I reported that we were looking for a time to invite Nathan and Jim Ohmberger to a Dept. of Roads GIS Data Sharing/User Group meeting. That did occur on Jan. 25. Jim, Nathan and Josh Lear viewed our dry run power point that our 15 member team presented to our Division Heads, Director and Deputy Directors on Jan. 29th. It was well received by both groups. Our Director, Deputies and Division Heads are meeting this week and will come back to our team with their comments and questions before moving forward. Registration for the 2013 GIS-T Conference is open. The preliminary program is located at <http://www.gis-t.org/files/ftgcc.pdf>. Other information is also located at <http://www.gis-t.org/>. The conference will be held May 5 thru 8, 2013 in Boise Idaho.

Department of Health and Human Services, Karis Bowen. The department is working on licensing. It is mostly single licensing but would like to get more users.

Clerk of the Legislature, Nancy Cyr. LB125 reduced the number of members for the Omaha Public School Board from 12 to 8. This effort included redistricting maps for Omaha Public Schools. She thanked Mr. Watermeier for his assistance in developing the redistricting maps. This introduced GIS to many members of the Legislature.

USGC Geospatial Liaison, Jim Langtry. The project proposal for LIDAR for the lower Natural Resource District is on hold. No funding is being released at this time but will be considered when more funding available.

GIS/LIS, Nathan Watermeier. The nominations for GIS/LIS President will be closing soon. If members had any nominations, they were to contact Mr. Watermeier or Mr. McReynolds. There are also two board member vacancies that are open. The GIS Council will be having a booth at the symposium. There is an effort underway to bring GIS to K-12. The Nebraska Department of Education is pulling together a team to evaluate this process. Members were asked to consider becoming Geo-mentors. Mr. Watermeier is working with Rex Cammack, University of Nebraska at Omaha, about providing students opportunities for internships. Members were reminded that the reduced GIS/LIS Symposium early registration conference rate ends March 15th.

Office of the CIO – Nathan Watermeier. The intern has developed some prototypes for the NITC (Nebraska Information Technology Commission) website. The enterprise master licensing with ESRI is moving forward. Interested members were asked to contact Mr. Watermeier if they had questions.

VII. Other Agenda Items**DISCUSSION**

SharePoint Site. Mr. Watermeier reported that permissions should be in place and will let members know when it is accessible.

VIII. Invitation for Public Comment from Attendees**DISCUSSION**

Chad Kudym, Beehive, introduced himself and commented that the work of the GIS Council is important and beneficial to vendors. If there is anything he could do, he would be willing to assist. He asked if the Council has discussed the current legislation regarding data reproduction costs. The Council has discussed the topic. Mr. Watermeier will send the LB number to the council members.

Meeting Conclusion	
Adjournment	<p>Motion: Mr. Cielocha moved to adjourn. Ms. Fredrickson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting will be March 6, 2013, 1:00-3:30 p.m. at the Nebraska Department of Roads - Main Auditorium, 1500 Nebraska Hwy 2, Lincoln Nebraska.</p>

Meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by Nathan Watermeier of the Office of the CIO/NITC.