



## Meeting Summary

### Strategic Initiative Action Items

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<http://www.seasketch.org/#projecthomepage/5272840f6ec5f42d210016e4/layers>). The private sector can participate but they would need to follow the specifications available.

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**NebraskaMAP.** Mr. Watermeier reported that an ad hoc group has reviewed the datasets, summarized the list and determined which data to begin being uploaded to the portal. A preliminary draft was developed for a data content management and retention policy for NebraskaMAP. The State has security policies and are currently developing single sign-on for the public so the tool will need to interface with those security measures that are in place. The OCIO has a state agency wide ELA for utilizing Geocortex Essentials. This is for supporting web mapping services. NebraskaMAP is also looking at Phase 2 planning which would include handling larger imagery datasets. Discussions continue regarding hosting the larger data sets and are looking at Cloud options.

### Communications Strategy

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### Remote Sensing Outreach

Plans are underway to determine what application needs are out there for imagery, determine the gaps for specific applications, determine the audiences that uses those applications, as well as to facilitate and train in those applications. The goal is to get a concept planned over the summer for discussion at the next to get specifications done by end of summer and then begin planning.

### State GIS Coordinators Report

**Geospatial Data Act of 2015.** Information about the Geospatial Data Act were provided and discussed. Information is available at the S. 740 web site <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/740/text> and the Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee <http://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/>. It was recommended and approved by the GIS Council to submit a letter of support for the Geospatial Data Act of 2015 to Senator Deb Fisher and the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee.

**Imagery for the Nation.** A new discussion has generated on the Imagery for the Nation. The need for high resolution leaf off imagery is needed nationwide. There are federal requirements also for 1 foot, leaf-off imagery. The plan is to start the discussion using the specs to identify new funding models to replace the old IFTN model.

**Statewide ELA Address and Demographic Data.** The ELA (Enterprise License Agreement) with InfoGroup is in place. The Office of the CIO would like to have more participants involved. The more partners involved the less cost to the partners.

**Esri Master Purchase Agreement.** All cities, counties and states Esri Master Purchase Agreement contract expires in September. Mr. Watermeier asked Council member to let him if they were interested, as well as to find out if there are any issues that he needs to address with Esri. Joe Eckman who was Nebraska's ESRI representative has been

assigned to another state. Mike Kutinek, from St. Paul Minnesota is the replacement representative for Nebraska State Government.

**Important Dates.** NSGIC October 5-8, Kansas City, MO; MAGIC April 24-28, 2016 in Overland Park, KS.

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

Membership. Two seats on council with expire in September. These include the Nebraska League of Municipalities and the Natural Resources District seats. Letters have been sent to these entities requesting a nomination. Nominees will need to be approved by the Governor. Plans are to have nomination finalized by the September meeting.

**Motions**

Motions Carried:

- The March 26, 2015 minutes were approved.
- Approved to submit a letter of support for the Geospatial Data Act of 2015 to Senator Deb Fisher and the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee.

Motions Failed:

There were no motions that failed.

**I. Roll Call and Quorum**

<b>Members Present:</b> * <i>Authorized to Vote</i>	<b>Members Absent:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <i>Bill Wehling</i>, Department of Roads, Chair</li> <li>* <i>John Beran</i>, State Surveyor</li> <li>* <i>Chad Boshart</i>, NEMA/Military Dept.</li> <li>* <i>Karis Bowen</i>, DHHS</li> <li>* Lash Chaffin, League of Nebraska Municipalities</li> <li>* Eric Herbert, Omaha Metro Area</li> <li>* <i>Les Howard</i>, Conservation &amp; Survey Division</li> <li>* <i>Jon Kraai</i>, Nebraska State Patrol</li> <li>Jim Langtry, USGS</li> <li>* Pat Larson, Member at Large</li> <li>* <i>Steve Rathje</i>, Department of Natural Resources</li> <li>* Jeff McReynolds, Lincoln Metro Area</li> <li>* <i>Gary Morrison</i>, Dept. of Environmental Quality</li> <li>* <i>Jim Ohmberger</i>, Office of the CIO</li> <li>* <i>Sudhir Ponnappan</i>, Nebraska Game and Parks</li> <li>* Michael Preston, NE Geospatial Professional Assoc.</li> <li>* <i>Cullen Robbins</i>, Public Service Commission</li> <li>* Todd Whitfield, Member at Large</li> <li>* Todd Wiltgen, NACO</li> </ul> <p>* <i>Italicized names are designees to council seats.</i></p>	<p>Tim Cielocha, Public Power Districts  <i>Nancy Cyr</i>, Legislative Research                      Brittney King, NACO                      Laura Kintner, Governor’s Policy Research Office  <i>Jim Koch</i>, Property Tax Administrator                      John Miyoshi, NE Assoc. of Resource Districts                      Michael Schonlau, Member at Large</p>
<b>NITC Representatives:</b>	Nathan Watermeier, GIS Council Coordinator and Jeff Timm, GIS Analyst
<b>Public Visitors:</b>	Rose Braun & Michael Munson, Department of Roads; Chad Kudym, Databank; Casey Dunn, Legislative Research; Milda Vaitkus, UNL-CALMIT, Joe Heieck, GIS Workshop

## I-III. General Meeting Formalities (continued)

<b>Roll Call and Quorum</b>	The Chair, Bill Wehling, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Roll call was taken. There were 18 members present at the time of roll call. A quorum was present to conduct official business. One member arrived later.
<b>Introduction of Audience Attendees</b>	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.
<b>Public Meetings Regulations and Posting of the Same</b>	NITC/GIS Council <a href="#">Homepage</a> Meeting notice posted on the <a href="#">Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar</a> on 12-15-2014 and agenda posted on GIS Council website 05-11-2015.
<b>Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting</b>	<p><b>Mr. Chaffin moved to approve the March 26, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Kraii seconded.</b> Roll call vote: Wehling-Yes, Rathje-Abstained, Ohmberger-Yes, Howard-Yes, Preston-Yes, Bowen-Yes, Boshart-Yes, Kraai-Yes, Ponnappan-Abstained, Herbert-Yes, Robbins-Yes, Wiltgen-Yes, Chaffin-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Morrison-Yes, Langtry-Yes, Larson-Yes, and Whitfield-Abstained. <b>Results: Yes-14, No-0, Abstained-3. Motion carried.</b></p> <p>Mr. Beran arrived to the meeting.</p>

## IV. STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ACTION ITEMS

**Street Centerline Address and NG911.** Street centerline and address standards were presented at the Nebraska GIS LIS Symposium and Public Service Commission E-911 Board meeting. Both entities were in support of the standards. In discussion with the GIS Council Leadership Team and PSC, it was recommended to expand the Street Centerline Address Standards ad hoc group to GIS NG911 to include folks involved with the PSAPs, EMAs, and public safety. This will provide a way get other interested persons involved to learn more about GIS and NG911. This group will pick up on the transition document from e911 to NG911 for GIS. This will also feed into the further development of the Street Centerline and Address Business Plan.

**Elevation Implementation Plan.** Jim Langtry provided an update on the USGS 3DEP project. The Elevation Work Group is finalizing the existing award that was released last July. It appears that this year's bid will come in lower than what was expected. In order to take whole advantage of the full funding amount, the work group will be asking for additional coverage. Discussions have been occurring with Natural Resource District Boards to encourage participation in the project. More funding will be awarded next July as well. Projects of interest can be seen on the Sea Sketch web map viewer (<http://www.geoplatform.gov/elevation/3DEP/Propose3DEPAOI> and <http://www.seasketch.org/#projecthomepage/5272840f6ec5f42d210016e4/layers>). The private sector can participate but they would need to follow the specifications available. If higher specifications beyond QL2 are needed, they would need to come up with the difference in cost.

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**NebraskaMAP.** Mr. Watermeier reported that an ad hoc group has reviewed the datasets, summarized the list and determined which data to begin being uploaded to the portal. A preliminary draft was developed for a data content management and retention policy for NebraskaMAP. A non-profit organization request to upload data is being reviewed by the Work Group. The Council will need to develop a policy or procedure for these types of requests for open data. There was a meeting held this morning with the development team regarding security architecture. The State has security policies and are currently developing single sign-on for the public so the tool will need to interface with those security measures that are in place. The OCIO also has shared services for utilizing Geocortex Essentials. This is a state agency wide ELA for supporting web mapping services. A Geocortex User

Group will be formed soon and will be meeting June 24.

NebraskaMAP is also looking at Phase 2 planning which would include handling larger imagery datasets. Currently, these datasets are not part of NebraskaMAP costs. Discussions continue regarding hosting the larger data sets and are looking at Cloud options. The Office of the CIO is talking with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to explore partnerships and common interests on this topic.

## V. COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

**DISCUSSION** This discussion started at the last meeting. The Office of the CIO will be getting the standards out to cities and counties. The plan is to get the right information to the appropriate audiences so it is more specific to their area and needs. Mr. Watermeier can draft public relations pieces if Council members would like to use them. Communications will be followed by face-to-face meetings and possibly conduct local seminars depending on the topic. The GIS Council chair and vice chair will work with Mr. Watermeier to refine the communications strategy.

## VI. REMOTE SENSING OUTREACH

**DISCUSSION** Milda Vaitkus has been working with Mr. Watermeier on this effort. It was determined that a needs assessment should be done to determine what application needs are out there for imagery, determine the gaps for specific applications, determine the audiences that uses those applications, as well as to facilitate and train in those applications. The goal is to get a concept planned over the summer for discussion at the next to get specifications done by end of summer and then begin planning.

## VII. STATE GIS COORDINATORS REPORT

**DISCUSSION** **Geospatial Data Act of 2015.** An email was sent to Council members requesting their feedback on input to the Geospatial Data Act for 2015. If the Council would like discuss and if they wanted to submit a letter of support, it would need to be brought forward as a recommendation from the Council. The letter would also need to be approved the Governor’s Policy and Research Office for review. Discussion followed.

NSGIC has recently partnered with National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, and National Association of Regional Councils to write a joint letter on May 4 to Sen. John Thune and Sen. Bill Nelson who chair the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee. The recommendation was endorsing the bill and to urge a hearing to move the bill forward. Sen. Deb Fischer of Nebraska also serves on that committee. Our NSGIC President also sent an organization letter directly to each of the Sen. on the committee. This bill is beginning more momentum. On May 11, we have had two more co-signers to the bill Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV) and Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR). This is getting support on both sides of the Senate.

- S. 740 web site <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/740/text>
- The Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee <http://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/>

**Mr. McReynolds moved to send a letter of support for the Geospatial Data Act of 2015 to Senator Deb Fisher and the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee that would be drafted by the GIS Executive Committee. Mr. Preston seconded.** Roll call vote: Whitfield-Yes, Larson-Yes, Langtry-Abstained, Morrison-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Chaffin-Yes, Robbins-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Ponnappan-Yes, Kraai-Yes, Beran-Yes, Boshart-Yes, Bowen-Yes, Preston-Yes, Howard-Yes, Ohmberger-Yes, Rathje-Yes, and Wehling-Yes. **Results: Yes, 17, No-0, Abstained-1. Motion carried.**

Mr. Wiltgen arrived to the meeting.

**Other Federal Initiatives and News.** A new discussion has generated on the Imagery for the Nation. The need for high resolution leaf off imagery is needed nationwide. There are federal requirements also for 1 foot, leaf-off imagery. NSGIC has recently created draft contracting specs with guidance of private companies. The plan is to start the discussion using the specs to identify new funding models to replace the old IFTN model. Initial discussions have occurred with WSCA as a new model of doing business. This could turn into a 50/50 cost share with federal agencies who also want to participate. A meeting is set for June to layout plans. NSGIC will be meeting with the General Accounting Office to communicate and begin plans to enable partnerships between federal agencies and the states.

**Statewide ELA Address and Demographic Data.** The ELA (Enterprise License Agreement) with InfoGroup is in place. The Office of the CIO would like to have more participants involved. Discussions have been held with the University of Nebraska-Kearney and other state agencies. The more partners involved the less cost to the partners. It is a two-year commitment coming to this point since we are half-way on our original 3 year commitment.

All cities, counties and states Esri Master Purchase Agreement contract expires in September. Mr. Watermeier asked Council member to let him if they were interested, as well as to find out if there are any issues that he needs to address with Esri. Joe Eckman who was Nebraska's ESRI representative has been assigned to another state. Mike Kutinek, from St. Paul Minnesota is the replacement representative for Nebraska State Government.

The MAGIC conference plans are underway for April 24-28, 2016 in Overland Park, KS. The planning committee is looking at different venue for the conference, let Mr. Watermeier know if you have some ideas.

Mr. Watermeier invited members to the NSGIC Fall meeting which will be held in Kansas City. If interested, they were to contact him.

#### VIII. UPDATE FROM MEMBERS AGENCIES

##### DISCUSSION

**Department of Roads,** Bill Wehling. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, the NDOR GIS team had Mr. McReynolds share information about what the city/county does for GIS. The next meeting will be held on June 2, 8:30-10:30 am. The Department of Natural Resources and OCIO will be demonstrating how they are using Geocortex. If other members would like to attend, they were asked to contact Mr. Wehling.

**GIS/LIS Association,** Mike Preston. At the April meeting, there were several new members in attendance. Awards were presented. Jeff McReynolds received the Excellence in GIS award. Dr. Jim Merchant received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Nathan Watermeier received the Geographic Educators of Nebraska Award for Improving student geographic and soil conservation knowledge. LaVista will be the conference location site in 2017. The next GIS/LIS meeting will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**NEMA,** Chad Boshart. The agency has been very busy month with the storms and the South Platte flooding. The agency will doing disaster evaluation. The agency has been assisting the Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Health and Human Service, Nebraska State Patrol deal with the bird flu.

#### IX. OTHER BUSINESS

##### DISCUSSION

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#### X. INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FROM ATTENDEES

##### DISCUSSION

There was no public comment.

Meeting Conclusion	
Adjournment	<p><b>Mr. Chaffin moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McReynolds seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.</b></p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting will be September 2, 2015, 1:00-3:30 p.m. at the Department of Roads, Lincoln Nebraska.</p>

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