

GIS COUNCIL

Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm
 Department of Environment and Energy - Room 23
 245 Fallbrook Blvd, Lincoln, Nebraska

MINUTES

GIS COUNCIL Member/Designee	REPRESENTING	PRESENT	ABSENT	CALL-IN
Chair: McReynolds, Jeff	Member At-Large (General)	P		
Vice-Chair: Parmeley, Jennifer	Department of Health and Human Services		A	
Vijayarangam, Prabhakar	Office of the Chief Information Officer		A	
Mach, Shani	Department of Environment and Energy		A	
Joeckel, Matt	Conservation & Survey Division, UNL	P		
Werner, Ryan	Department of Natural Resources	P		
Latimer, Grant	Governor's Policy Research Office		A	
Inbody, Claire	Director-State Engineer (NDOT)	P		
Beran, John	State Surveyor	P		
Erickson, Tim	Clerk of the Legislature		A	
Trowbridge, Spencer	Secretary of Nebraska Game & Parks Commission	P		
Oswald, Barb	Property Tax Administrator		A	X
Vacant -	Federal Agencies			
Wingert, Chuck	NE Association of Resources Districts		A	X
Cielocha, Tim	Public Power Districts		A	
Kennedy, Sean	NE Association of County Officials		A	X
Salmon, Nancy	NE Association of County Officials		A	
Schonlau, Mike	League of NE Municipalities	P		
Vacant	Member At Large (General)			
Vacant	Emergency Management Agency			
Vacant	Public Service Commission			
Rawlings, Lesli	GIS Professional Association	P		
Herbert, Eric	Omaha Metro Area	P		
Miller, Adam	Lincoln Metro Area	P		
Linquist, Don	Member At Large (Precision AG)		A	X
Tinkham, Matt	Member At Large (Professional Surveyor)			A
Lucas, Charlie	Nebraska State Patrol	P		
Vacant	Official Tribal Organization			

ROLL CALL; MEETING NOTICE; OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

The Chair, Jeff McReynolds, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. There were 11 voting members present. A quorum existed to conduct official business. The meeting notice was posted to the NITC website and the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on January 3, 2025. The agenda was posted to the NITC website on August 1, 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 6/04/2025*

Mr. Schonlau moved to approve the June 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Trowbridge seconded. Roll call vote: McReynolds-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Joeckel-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Inbody-Yes, Lucas-Yes, Miller-Yes, Rawlings-Yes, Beran-Yes, Trowbridge-Yes, and Werner-Yes. Results: Yes-11, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

GEOSPATIAL NEBRASKA ACTION ITEMS:

Formalize the definition of the NESDI and Data Stewardship. The Boundary Working Group Report met in July and have gone through a few more chapters. The Work Group is tracking boundary names and prioritize based on three criteria:

- Dollars attached/political district
- Boundary Dispute, and
- Minor impact

The next steps are to review and join data sets in existence, then evaluate if there are any boundaries that are not needed and are there state boundaries not being used by state agencies.

Geodetic and Survey Control Inventory and Assessment. The group has not met yet but do plan to get the work group together soon.

Statewide Land Record Information Dataset & Cadastral Dataset.

Working Group update. Alicia Tompkins, from Sarpy County, agreed to lead the Work Group. Ms. DunnGossin will touch base with her. This group will identify a parcel standard dataset to assist counties.

NEGIS and NebraskaMap – Facilitating Spatial Understanding.

NebraskaMAP has been revamped. A quick demonstration was provided to the Council. Members provided input and comments.

Mr. Schonlau moved to approve the NebraskaMAP revamped page and function as presented. Mr. Herbert seconded. Roll call vote: McReynolds-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Joeckel-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Inbody-Yes, Lucas-Yes, Miller-Yes, Rawlings-Yes, Beran-Yes, Trowbridge-Yes, and Werner-Yes. Results: Yes-11, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

STATE GIS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The MAGIC Clearinghouse Conference was well attended. The only state that was not present was Oklahoma. In November, members of the hub will be discussing the hub and clearinghouse, as well as have a discussion about the cloud and use of the cloud.

There have been changes on the OCIO GIS Team. Joe Stevenson has left the OCIO to work for the private sector. He will be missed at the Office of the CIO. In addition, Jen Parmalee has accepted a position with the City of Grand Island and will not be able to serve as Chair. In October, the Council will need to revise charter to incorporate new agencies.

NOTE FROM FEDERAL

Elaine Guidero, from the USGS office, provided an update. The 3DEP and 3DHP data is ready to be published but it is delayed. Funding is available for future projects. NAPE also has some funding available. In 2026, the project will be leaf off for the whole state. At end of October, the USDA will not be using ArcMap. The application deadline for FY26 Data Collaboration first-round funding is September 12, 2025.

MEMBER AGENCIES AND REPRESENTATIVES UPDATES

The following agencies provided updates: Nebraska Department of Transportation; State Surveyor, Douglas County; Nebraska Game and Parks; Department of Water, Energy and Environment; Lincoln Metro; Nebraska Geospatial Profession Association; UNL Soil and Conservation Survey; and the Nebraska State Patrol.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair. Ms. DunnGossin informed the Council that we will need nominations for Vice Chair and Chair ready for the November Meeting. If anyone is interested, please inform Ms. DunnGossin.

Member Recognition. SAG award, Carlos Romero, OCIO, received a SAG award for his work with the Department of Revenue's Property Tax Dashboard.

Upcoming Events. In October, the Magic symposium will be held in Omaha in October. The NSGIC conference will be held in November.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM ATTENDEES

Mr. Schonlau moved adjourn. Mr. Herbert seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

The meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by Casey DunnGossin of the Office of the CIO.