

NEBRASKA GIS COUNCIL

Wednesday, November 5, 2025, 1:00–3:30 pm
 Department of Water, Energy, and Environment
 /245 Fallbrook Blvd-Room 23, Lincoln, Nebraska

MINUTES

GIS COUNCIL Member/Designee	REPRESENTING	PRESENT	ABSENT	CALL -IN
Chair: McReynolds, Jeff	Member At-Large (General)	P		
Vice-Chair: TBD	Dept of Health and Human Services			
TBD	Office of the Chief Information Officer			
Mach, Shani	Department of Water, Energy & Environment		X	
Joeckel, Matt	Conservation & Survey Division, UNL	P		
Werner, Ryan	Department of Water, Energy & Environment	P		
Hart, Madeline	Governor’s Policy Research Office		X	
Inbody, Claire	Director-State Engineer (NDOT)	P		
Beran, John	State Surveyor	P		
Erickson, Tim	Clerk of the Legislature	P		
Trowbridge, Spencer	Game & Parks Commission		X	
Oswald, Barb	Property Tax Administrator	P		
Vacant -	Federal Agencies			
Wingert, Chuck	NE Association of Resources Districts	P		
Cielocha, Tim	Public Power Districts	P		
Kennedy, Sean	NE Association of County Officials	P		
Salmon, Nancy	NE Association of County Officials		X	
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		
Linguist, Don	Member At Large (Precision AG)		X	
Tinkham, Matt	Member At Large (Professional Surveyor)		X	
Lucas, Charlie	Nebraska State Patrol	P		
Vacant	Official Tribal Organization		X	

ROLL CALL; MEETING NOTICE; OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

The Chair, Jeff McReynolds, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. There were 15 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 October 29, 2025.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 8/06/2025*

Mr. Kennedy moved to approve the August 6, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Schonlau seconded the motion. Roll call vote: McReynolds-Yes, Erickson-Abstained, Schonlau-Yes, Cielocha-Abstained, Joeckel-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Inbody-Yes, Lucas-Yes, Kennedy-Yes, Miller-Yes, Oswald-Yes, Rawlins-Yes, Beran-Yes, Werner-Yes, and Wingert-Yes. Results: Yes-13, No-0, Abstained-2. Motion carried.

REVIEW COUNCIL MEMBER VACANCIES AND PENDING APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Werner reviewed the status of membership of the council. The Council has several open Governor appointed and agency memberships. Some of these nominations are at the Governor's office for review and approval, including the Federal Liaison nomination. Mr. Werner will contact the Governor's office this week to check on the status.

Nomination of Michaela Johnson for PSC Representative*

Mr. Werner moved to nominate Michaela Johnson as the Public Service Commission representative to serve on the GIS Council. Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll call vote: Wingert-Yes, Werner-Yes, Beran-Yes, Rawlins-Yes, Oswald-Yes, Miller-Yes, Kennedy-Yes, Lucas-Yes, Inbody-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Joeckel-Yes, Cielocha-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Erickson-Yes, and McReynolds-Yes. Results: Yes-15, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Nomination of Scott Peters for Member-at-Large*

Ms. Inbody moved to nominate Scott Peters as a Member-at-Large to serve on the GIS Council. Mr. Herbert seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Joeckel-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Inbody-Yes, Lucas-Yes, Kennedy-Yes, Miller-Yes, Oswald-Yes, Rawlins-Yes, Beran-Yes, Werner-Yes, Wingert-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Erickson-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, and Cielocha-Yes. Results: Yes-15, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

A couple of other memberships will be coming up soon. Members were instructed to go to the Governor's website and complete their online application to serve on Boards and Commissions. Members requested that an updated membership list be sent with the next meeting materials.

UPDATES FROM GIS COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS

The chairs have been discussing the Council's Working Groups and asked the council to give some thought about the work groups: have they served their purpose, can they be dissolved, do we need to create new ones, etc. Need to identify work group leads, roles and any deadlines. The Council will discuss this topic at the next meeting.

Boundary Working Group. Ms. DunnGossin was leading the group but is no longer with the OCIO. Dana Hartung has been organizing the meetings. Mr. Erickson reported that Chapter 79 was the last chapter done. The group is close to accomplishing the task. The next step is to possibly get an intern in the OCIO's office to review the results. The verbiage needs to be developed. It is outdated, vague and not uniform. The boundary designations, including many county boundaries, have not been updated since 1923. Ms. Inbody informed the council that the NDOT intern who was going to do the work will be leaving in December. She asked members to think about other options.

Land Record Information and Cadastral Datasets. It has been two years since the Work Group met. Alicia Thompkins has been contacted to lead the group and is willing to do so but no direction was provided. OCIO did collect data from counties. It was recommended to develop a parcel standard separate from tax and evaluation standard. Mr. Schonlau volunteered to organize the group and determine a technical solution.

NEGIS and NebraskaMap. At the enterprise level, discussing whether to have it be a dynamic site or have data available for downloading. State agencies have contributed financially to host data on NebraskaMAP, which has no real budget. GIS Council members consider NebraskaMAP as a valuable resource. It was recommended that it should have its own server so it does not affect other applications.

Geodetic and Survey Control Inventory and Assessment. This is currently not a working group. Mr. Werner will follow up with Ms. DunnGossin regarding an update.

NSRS 2022 UPDATES AND TIMEFRAME FOR NEBRASKA

Updates from State Surveyor's Office. ESRI Blog – Prepare Your Data for Spatial Reference System Modification was reviewed. Data should come from the State Surveyor's office. Mr. Beran indicated that due to the federal government shutdown, he was not sure when the data would be available.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Changes at OCIO and within State GIS Enterprise. Due to budget cuts and reductions in workforce the state is experiencing, Casey DunnGossin is no longer with the OCIO. Mr. Werner is interim GIS Coordinator for the state until the OCIO and partnering agencies work through a solution that will work for the State of Nebraska and its agencies. The OCIO now has 1 dedicated person to provide GIS to support. The master purchase agreement was updated last year. July 2027 is when the ESRI license is terminated. The state will need to determine how the funding balance should be used. DWEE (Department of Water, Energy and Environment) has set up their own ARC GIS system. NDOT is developing their own service portal separate from the state's enterprise.

Council members expressed great concern regarding the OCIO's GIS staffing decisions; the role of OCIO, as well as the GIS Coordinator's role, in the state's GIS IT efforts and initiatives, as well as GIS support to agencies; and how will this affect collaboration between state, municipalities and counties. It was recommended to invite Dr. Matt McCarville, State Chief Information Officer, to the next GIS meeting to discuss concerns. It was agreed by group

consensus to invite Dr. McCarville. It was also suggested to send list of questions for discussion prior to the meeting.

NSGIC and MAGIC Updates. Ms. DunnGossin served on the NSGIC Executive Council. She resigned from Executive Council. Until further notice, her membership has been transferred to Mr. Werner. Ms. DunnGossin is still on the MAGIC Executive Board. Mr. Werner will provide a monthly report to states. The MAGIC Conference will be in Omaha next year. MAGIC would be a good resource for exploring other options for funding.

Data Discovery for State Agencies. Mr. Werner informed the council that a survey will be going out to state agencies to collect information regarding their GIS needs and wishes. This will help to determine solutions.

Suggestions for Enterprise Solutions, Utilizing ESRI License Agreement. Hopefully, the information gathered from other state agencies will assist with this effort.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2026

Mr. Werner asked if the current schedule works for members or should the council return to quarterly meetings: February, May, August and November schedule. Members agreed to the quarterly meeting schedule.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2026*

Jennifer Parmeley (Vice Chair) resigned from the Council due to a career opportunity. The Council will need to nominate a 2025 Vice Chair to finish the current term. The 2025 Vice Chair would become the 2025 Chair.

Nominations for 2025 Vice Chair.

Mr. Cielocha moved to nominate Clair Inbody for the 2025 Vice Chair. Mr. Erickson seconded. There were no more nominations from the floor.

Mr. Cielocha moved to close the nominations. Mr. Erickson seconded. Roll call vote: McReynolds-Yes, Erickson-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Cielocha-Yes, Joeckel-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Inbody-Yes, Lucas-Yes, Kennedy-Yes, Miller-Yes, Oswald-Yes, Rawlins-Yes, Beran-Yes, Werner-Yes, and Wingert-Yes. Results: Yes-15, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

In addition, the Council needs to elect a 2026 Vice Chair, who will become Chair in 2027.

Nominations for 2026 Vice Chair.

Mr. Kennedy nominated Mike Schonloau to serve as the 2026 Vice Chair. Mr. McReynolds seconded. There were no more nominations from the floor.

Mr. Kennedy moved to close the nominations. Mr. McReynolds seconded. Roll call vote: Wingert-Yes, Werner-Yes, Beran-Yes, Rawlins-Yes, Oswald-Yes, Miller-Yes, Kennedy-Yes, Lucas-Yes, Inbody-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Joeckel-Yes, Cielocha-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Erickson-Yes, and McReynolds-Yes. Results: Yes-15, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

UPDATES FROM FEDERAL PARTNERS

Due to the federal shutdown, there were no updates to LiDAR or NAIP.

MEMBER AGENCIES AND REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

Updates were given by the following membership sectors: Clerk of the Legislature, League of Municipalities; Nebraska Association of County Officials, Department of Water, Energy and Environment; Nebraska State Patrol; Nebraska Department of Transportation; and the Nebraska Geospatial Professional Association.

OTHER BUSINESS

Upcoming Events

MidAmerica GIS Consortium 2026 MAGIC Symposium

April 14–16, 2026, Embassy Suites Omaha Downtown Old Market

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Lincoln GIS Day Event

November 21, 2025, Hosted by Lincoln Electric System, Adam Miller

GIS Workshop: Increasing Spatial Understanding

6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., November 20, 2025, Grand Island, NE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by Ryan Werner, Interim GIS Coordinator.