

NEBRASKA GIS COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Department of Water, Energy, and Environment-Room 023
245 Fallbrook Blvd, Lincoln, Nebraska
Virtual members/representatives ARE eligible to vote.

MINUTES

MEMBER PRESENT:

Chair, Claire Inbody, representing Vicki Kramer, Nebraska Department of Transportation
Vice Chair, Mike Schonlau, representing the League of Nebraska Municipalities
Tim Erickson, representing Brandon Metzler, Clerk of the Legislature
Johnson, Michaela, representing the Public Service Commission
Jeff McReynolds, representing Member-At-Large
Matt Joeckel, representing UNL Conservation & Survey Division (Virtual)
JiYoung Lee, representing the Department of Health & Human Services
Sean Kennedy, representing NACO (Nebraska Association of County Officials)
Lesli Rawlings, representing the GIS Professional Organization
Spencer Trowbridge, representing Tim McCoy, Nebraska Game & Parks
Ryan Werner, representing Tom Riley, Director, Dept. of Water, Energy & Environment
Tim Cielocha, representing the Public Power Districts (Virtual)
Barb Oswald, representing Ruth Sorenson, Property Tax Administrator (Virtual)
Chuck Wingert, representing Nebraska Association of Resources Districts
Charlie Lucas, representing the Nebraska State Patrol
Scott Peters, representing Member At Large

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Eric Herbert, representing the Omaha Metro Area
Adam Miller, representing Lincoln Metro
Nancy Salmon, representing NACO Representative
John Beran, representing Casey Sherlock, State Surveyor
Madeline Hart, representing Kenny Zoeller, Government Policy Research Office
Tod Wyrick, representing the Office of the CIO

ROLL CALL; MEETING NOTICE; OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

The Chair, Clair Inbody, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. There were 15 voting members present at the time of roll call. A quorum existed to conduct official business. The meeting notice was posted to the NITC website and the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar January 16, 2026. The agenda was posted to the NITC website on February 2, 2026. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 5, 2025

Mr. McReynolds moved to approve the November 5, 2025 meeting minutes. Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll call vote: Inbody-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Erickson-Yes, Johnson-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Cielocha-Yes, Joeckel-Yes, Lee-Yes, Kennedy-Yes, Oswald-Yes, Rawlings-Yes, Trowbridge-Yes, Wingert-Yes, Lucas-Yes, and Werner-Yes. Results: Yes-15, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

REVIEW COUNCIL MEMBER VACANCIES AND PENDING APPOINTMENTS

Current Membership Status Report. Mr. Werner shared the spreadsheet of members status with the council. The Office of the CIO is still waiting on the Governor's approval of GIS Council membership nominations. Jiyoung Lee has been designated to represent DHHS on the GIS Council. She provided information about herself. One of the nominations not approved yet is the Federal Liaison representative, Isaac Remboldt.

UPDATES FROM GIS COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS

Boundary Working Group, Tim Erickson. There was no update to provide. Mr. Erickson indicated that there are state boundary issues that will take statutory change but that will not happen this year. He plans to bring the committee together and discuss.

Land Record Information and Cadastral Datasets, Mike Schonlau. There was a person from Sarpy County that was the organizer. The group has not met in over a year. The question was asked if the work group recommended having the data available to the public. It had been discussed to have a single standard because each county has their own standard. It would be great to have a list would be great. It was suggested that a state agency needs to take the lead on this group. Formerly, the Office of the spearheaded the work groups but that position was terminated due to budget cuts. Carlos Romero, GIS IT Applications Developer/Senior with the OCIO, has been working on it. He is currently the only GIS expert in the Office of the CIO.

NEGIS and NebraskaMap, Ryan Werner and Claire Inbody. The council was asked if they recommended continuing this working group. The chairs suggested instead of a working group that a regular update or report be provided by the chairs. The website home page was updated. Mr. Werner and Ms. Inbody were added to the NebraskaMap email as contacts for questions and information. With the State's budget issue and changes within the OCIO, the council recommended keeping the work group and have continued discussions.

Geodetic and Survey Control Inventory and Assessment. There was no report.

NGS 2022 UPDATES AND TIMEFRAME FOR NEBRASKA

Updates from State Surveyor's Office. There was no update.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Changes within State GIS Enterprise. Due to the various needs of agencies, they are moving toward a decentralized structure. Some agencies used GIS a lot and some did not. Their needs will affect the State of Nebraska Licensing Agreement coming up in July 2027. NDOT and DWEE are assisting the OCIO to determine licensing and architecture needs of each Agency and associated budgets. Ms. Inbody and Mr.

Werner have been in discussions with ESRI regarding current users versus new users issues. ESRI said if we can give them an accurate count by April, we can get an estimate by June. The license was paid for by OCIO. Agencies were then charged based on tiers determined by amount of data and usage. The plan is to use the State MPA for biennium budget estimates and hope that the license agreement provides a discounted rate. Members discussed master purchasing agreement versus individual agency licensing – the benefits versus the cons. NDOT released a RFI for enterprise portal.

NSGIC/MAGIC Updates. The State GIS Coordinator will continue to attend NSGIC meetings and discussions as a representative for Nebraska State Government. Membership has been provided by OCIO and Mr. Werner will represent Nebraska. This would be good source to network regarding what other states are doing in GIS enterprise efforts. Participation in MAGIC only upon request, Casey Gossin-Dunn is still part of the group and still involved. We can participate if and when requested.

Suggestions for Enterprise Solutions. This was discussed earlier in the Coordinator's Report. Mr. Werner asked members to send him other ideas and recommendations. Council members offered to assist with the contract negotiations.

UPDATES FROM FEDERAL PARTNERS

Update from (USDA/NRCS). Isaac Remboldt reported that the data for the Nebraska NAIP Image Service (2024) is available now.

Change in USGS representative effective January 1, 2026. Mitch Bergeson will be the National Map Liaison. Mr. Bergeson provided information about his background and experience.

MEMBER AGENCIES AND REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

The following agencies and representatives provided updates: the Nebraska State Patrol, the Public Service Commission; Nebraska Geospatial Professional Association; Nebraska Department of Transportation, the Legislature, Nebraska Legislature; Department of Water, Energy, and Environment; Lincoln Metro, the Department of Health and Human Services; Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, Hall County Surveyor, and University of Nebraska Soil and Conservation Division.

OTHER BUSINESS

Upcoming events include the following:

- MidAmerica GIS Consortium 2026 MAGIC Symposium, April 14–16, 2026 at the Embassy Suites Omaha Downtown Old Market. Early Bird Registration ends March 1
- ESRI UC 1, will be held July 13–17, 2026 in San Diego, California

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The upcoming GIS Council 2026 meeting dates are May 6th, August 5th, and November 4th.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales.