



# GIS Council Meeting

**APPROVED**

November 7, 2018

1:00pm – 3:30pm

Nebraska Department of  
Transportation - Main  
Auditorium

**NITC Representatives:** John Watermolen, GIS Council Coordinator and Lori Lopez Urdiales, CIO/NITC

**Voting Members Present:** Kea Morovitz, Public Service Commission, Vice Chair  
Tim Cielocha, Public Power Districts  
Claire Inbody, Department of Transportation  
Steve Rathje, Department of Natural Resources  
Doug Hallum, Conservation and Survey Division, UNL  
Lesli Rawlings, NE Geospatial Professional Assoc.  
Karis Bowen, Department of Health and Human Services  
Chad Boshart, NEMA/Military Dept.  
John Beran, State Surveyor  
Trish Schlake, Nebraska Game and Parks  
Eric Herbert, Omaha Metro Area  
Tim Erickson, Clerk of the Legislature  
Chuck Wingert, Natural Resources Districts  
Lash Chaffin, League of Nebraska Municipalities  
Danny Pittman, NACO  
Jeff McReynolds, Lincoln Metro Area  
Gary Morrison, Department of Environmental Quality  
Michael Schonlau, Member at Large  
Jim Langtry, USGS  
Todd Whitfield, Member at Large

**Voting Members Not Present:** Jim Ohmberger, Office of the CIO  
Ruth Sorenson, Department of Revenue  
Trinity Chappellear, Governor's Policy Research Office  
Mike Preston, Member at Large  
John McKee, NACO

**Roll Call:** The Vice Chair, Kea Morovitz, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Roll call was taken.

**Quorum:** A quorum was present to conduct official business.

Agenda item: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Discussion:

Mr. Herbert moved to approve to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Rathje seconded. Morovitz-Abstained, Schlake-Yes, Ciechola-Yes, Inbody-Yes, Rathje-Yes, Hallum-Yes, Rawlings-Yes, Bowen-Yes, Boshart-Yes, Beran-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Erickson-Yes, Wingert-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Morrison-Yes, Schonlau-Abstained, Langtry-Yes, and Whitfield-Abstained.

Conclusions:

Results: Yes-18, No-0, Abstained-1. Motion carried.

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Agenda item: VOTE ON OPEN POSITIONS THAT ARE EXPIRING-OMAHA METRO NRD'S

Discussion:

Eric Herbert and Chuck Wingert have volunteered to continue to serve on the council.

Mr. Schonlau moved to approve Eric Herbert and Chuck Wingert membership to serve on the council. Mr. Whitfield seconded.

Conclusions:

Results: Yes-16, No-0, Abstained-3. Motion carried.

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Agenda item: VOTE FOR NEW VICE CHAIR

Discussion:

Mike Preston has volunteered to serve as Vice-Chair of the GIS Council.

Mr. Herbert moved to approve the nomination of Mike Preston as Vice-Chair. Mr. Erickson seconded.

Conclusions:

Results: Yes-19, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

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Agenda item: STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ACTION ITEM-UPDATES

Discussion:

After discussion regarding the standards and making recommended changes to 1.2.2.1 to leave it open and not restricted.

Mr. McReynolds moved to approve the recommended change to 1.2.2.1 to remove the reference to digitizing. There was no one seconded the motion.

More discussion followed regarding the newly released NENA versus State of Nebraska standards and continual need to update the state standard to the NENA standards, it was recommended to adopt the NENA standards.

Mr. McReynolds withdrew the motion.

Conclusions:

The Working Group will take this recommendation back to be further developed the standards and bring back to the Council for recommended action.

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Agenda item: STRATEGIC PLAN

Discussion:

Mr. Watermolen informed the Council that their feedback from last meeting will be incorporated into the report to the Governor and Legislature.

Conclusions:

The report is due on November 15<sup>th</sup> and will be available for viewing on the OCIO website.

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Agenda item: UPDATE WITH 3D NATION AND NEXT STEP TO VALIDATE SURVEY RESULTS SOMETIME BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1 AND JANUARY 31

Discussion:

Surveys have been completed. The compilation of results is more difficult than anticipated but will hopefully still meet the end of January timeline. At that point, the Elevation Work Group will need to meet to discuss next steps.

**Conclusions:**

The Work Group will plan to meet when the data becomes available.

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**Agenda item: CENSUS PROGRAM UPDATES**

**Discussion:**

Currently, school districts are being updated. Slivers were discovered so the data needed to be reviewed. School district information is due by end of the year. The OCIO was contacted to see if we would be interested in hosting some Census workshops.

**Conclusions:**

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**Agenda item: GEOSPATIAL DATA ACT UPDATE AND HOW IT AFFECTS EVERYONE**

**Discussion:**

The Geospatial Act for 2018, addresses matters related to Federal agencies GIS data collection. The federal office is attempting to determine how much the data is costing and if they are using best available sources. The Act passed first part of October.

**Conclusions:**

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**Agenda item: UPDATES FROM MEMBER AGENCIES**

**Discussion:**

Reports were provided by the following agencies: City of Lincoln/Lancaster County, GIS/LIS Association, Douglas County/City of Omaha, Omaha Metro, Nebraska Public Power, Natural Resource Districts and the Public Service Commission.

**Conclusions:**

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**Agenda item: OTHER BUSINESS**

**Discussion:**

Ms. Inbody invited members to the Mappy Hour, November 14<sup>th</sup> at Longwells.

Steve Chase, Secretary of State's Office, announced that the Records Board is working on providing a portal payment process for state agencies who receive any kind of payment.

**Conclusions:**

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**Agenda item: DATES FOR 2019 GIS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Discussion:**

Dates for 2019 GIS council meetings will be held on February 27, May 1, August 7 and November 6

**Conclusions:**

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**Agenda item: MEETING CONCLUSION**

**Discussion:**

Mr. Schonlau moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cielocha seconded.

**Conclusions:**

Results: All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

**Other Information**

**Resources:**

The open meeting laws were displayed in the meeting room. The meeting notice posted on the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on January 4, 2018 and agenda posted on GIS Council website October 26, 2018.

**Special notes:**

The next meeting will be February 27, 1:00-3:30 p.m. at the Department of Transportation, Lincoln Nebraska. Meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by John Watermolen of the Office of the CIO/NITC.