



# GIS Council Meeting

**Approved**  
February 27, 2019  
1:00pm – 3:30 pm  
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, Chair  
Barbara Oswald, Department of Revenue  
Trisha Schlake, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission  
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.  
Han Liu, Department of Health and Human Services  
Chad Boshart, NEMA/Military Dept.  
John Beran, State Surveyor  
Eric Herbert, Omaha Metro Area  
Tim Erickson, Clerk of the Legislature  
Chuck Wingert, Natural Resources Districts  
Jeff McReynolds, Lincoln Metro Area  
Gary Morrison, Department of Environmental Quality  
Michael Schonlau, Member at Large  
Jim Langtry, USGS  
Todd Whitfield, Member at Large  
John McKee, NACO

**Voting Members Not Present:** Danny Pittman, NACO  
Lash Chaffin, League of Nebraska Municipalities  
Jim Ohmberger, Office of the CIO  
Ruth Sorenson, Department of Revenue  
Trinity Chappellear, Governor's Policy Research Office  
Mike Preston, Member at Large, Vice Chair

**Roll Call:** 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. Rathje moved to approve to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Hallum seconded. Morovitz-Yes, Ciechola-Yes, Inbody-Yes, Rathje-Yes, Oswald-Yes, Hallum-Yes, Rawlings-Yes, Liu-Yes, Boshart-Yes, Erickson-Yes, Wingert-Yes, McKee-Yes, Morrison-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Langtry-Yes, and Whitfield-Yes.

**Conclusions:**

Results: Yes-17, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

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**Agenda item: NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIR**

Discussion: Members were reminded about nominations for Vice Chair for 2020. Voting will occur at the November meeting.

Conclusions: Members were asked to provide their nominations to Mr. Watermolen

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**Agenda item: STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ACTION ITEMS UPDATES**

**Discussion:**

Street Centerline and Address Standard Work Group. The work groups have been working on the amendments to standards NITC 3-205 Street Centerline and NITC 3-206 Address Points. Once the standards are approved by the council, they will go to the NITC Technical Panel for approval to post for the 30-day public comment period. After approval by the Technical Panel, they will be presented to the NITC for final approval.

Mr. McReynolds moved to recommend approval of NITC 3-205 Street Centerline and NITC 3-206 Address Points standards to the Technical Panel. Mr. Rathje seconded.

**Conclusions:**

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

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**Agenda item: UPDATE WITH 3D NATION**

**Discussion:**

The project is going through the validation process. On Friday March 1, there is a meeting to review the surveys from Nebraska. There is LiDAR data available on the Amazon cloud and can be downloaded. Some area data is not available but most is available. Requestors pay for the download. Data can be worked on right on the cloud.

**Conclusions:**

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**Agenda item: UPDATES FROM MEMBER AGENCIES**

**Discussion:**

Agency reports were given by the following agencies and organizations: Dept. of Health and Human Services, Dept. of Natural Resources, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Dept. of Transportation, USGS, Omaha Metro, Clerk of the Legislature, Public Service Commission, State Surveyor, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, Nebraska Public Power District and the Office of the OCIO.

**Conclusions:**

Mr. Schonlau offered to provide a demonstration at a future meeting.

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**Agenda item: STORY MAP COMPETITION FOR 2019**

**Discussion:**

Ms. Rawlings reported that Nebraska is working with ESRI to organize the competition. The plan is to have the completion completed by the symposium and have the winner announced at that time. Winners will go the national competition. The

deadline for submission is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Teachers would like to teach it but either don't have the time or feel uncomfortable teaching the topic.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item:       **UPCOMING CONFERENCE**

Discussion:

Members were reminded about the following conferences:

Nebraska GIS/LIS Conference, April 23-25, 2019, Embassy Suites Conference Center, La Vista, Nebraska

ESRI Southwest User Conference, March 26-27, 2019, Denver Marriott Tech Center, Denver, Colorado. The Office of the CIO is sending staff if there were any other staff that would like to travel to share expenses.

ESRI Midwest User Conference, April 16-17, 2019, Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark, St. Louis, MO

MAGIC Manager's Summit 2019, April 8-9, 2019, Hampton Inn and Suites, Kansas City, MO

Conclusions:

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Agenda item:       **NEBASKAMAP UPDATE AND DEMO**

Discussion:

NebraskaMAP is utilizing ERSI's open portal, demonstrated new features. The plan to go live at the Symposium. The NITC was given a demonstration at their July meeting.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item:       **CREATION OF NG911 BOUNDARIES WORKGROUP AND CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS**

Discussion:

The state currently has no standards for a PSAP boundary data layer. Some PSAP and other responder boundary areas in state are unclear. There is a need to convene a work group with GIS expertise to explore and identify the standards for these types of data and possibly provide guidance when helping determine these boundaries, and who would manage and maintain the data, etc. The Public Service Commission will be holding meetings once the PSAP has been developed. The Work Group would be established for a year. The group will be recommending standards.

Discussion followed regarding whether this needs to be a GIS work group or an informal group working with the PSC to assist with the NG911. It was decided to get the volunteers together and discuss which option would be best – GIS Council or PSC. There may be legal issues as well to consider.

Conclusions:

GIS members who have volunteered to serve were: John McKee and Jeff McReynolds. It was suggested to have someone from patrol and local level dispatch groups.

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Agenda item:     **OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion:

GIS/LIS Symposium is needing more presenters.

Conclusions:

Members were asked to contact Mr. McReynolds and Mr. Herbert if they were interested.

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Agenda item:     **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Discussion:

There was no public comment.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item:     **MEETING CONCLUSION**

Discussion:

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

Conclusions:

All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

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Agenda item:     **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 2, 2019 and agenda posted on GIS Council website February 11, 2019 .

Special notes:

The next meeting will be May 1, 2019, 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.