



# GIS Council Meeting

**Approved**  
May 1, 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  
Jim Ohmberger, Office of the CIO  
Doug Hallum, Conservation and Survey Division, UNL  
Chad Boshart, NEMA/Military Dept.  
Eric Herbert, Omaha Metro Area  
Tim Erickson, Clerk of the Legislature  
Chuck Wingert, Natural Resources Districts  
Danny Pittman, NACO  
Jeff McReynolds, Lincoln Metro Area  
Gary Morrison, Department of Environmental Quality  
Michael Schonlau, Member at Large  
Jim Langtry, USGS

**Voting Members Not Present:** John Beran, State Surveyor  
Han Liu, Department of Health and Human Services  
Lt. Monty Lovelace, Nebraska State Patrol  
John McKee, NACO  
Lesli Rawlings, NE Geospatial Professional Assoc.  
Lash Chaffin, League of Nebraska Municipalities  
Trinity Chappelle, Governor's Policy Research Office  
Mike Preston, Member at Large, Vice Chair  
Todd Whitfield, Member at Large

**Roll Call:** Chair, Kea Morovitz, called the meeting to order at 1:00 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. McReynolds moved to approve to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Cielocha seconded. Morovitz-Yes, Schlake-Yes, Ciechola-Yes, Inbody-Yes, Rathje-Yes, Ohmberger-Yes, Oswald-Yes, Hallum-Yes, Boshart-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Erickson-Yes, Wingert-Yes, Pittman-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Morrison-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, and Langtry-Yes.

**Conclusions:**

**Results: Yes-15, 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:**

At the November NITC meeting, there was no quorum to conduct official business. Action or voting on the Strategic Initiative Action Items will occur at the July NITC meeting.

**Conclusions:**

**Results:**

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

**Discussion:**

Mr. Watermolen reported that a partial validation call was completed is being regarding the 3D Nation survey that was completed during the winter months. There is going to be imagery and LIDAR collected on the Niobrara, Missouri and Platte Rivers this spring and summer, due to the flood event in March. Mr. Langtry mentioned that this project will be collection bathymetry on the stream channel, similar to other projects that has been done in other parts of the country. Many federal agencies in Nebraska are interested in the project. In the fall, there are plans to bring the stakeholders together to discuss a comprehensive plan to cover the whole Niobrara Valley area. The USGS is getting ready to launch the Earth MRI program, formerly known as 3DEEP, which maps the Nation's Critical Mineral Resources.

**Conclusions:**

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Agenda item:       **UPDATES FROM MEMBER AGENCIES**

Discussion:

Agency reports were given by the following agencies and organizations: Dept. of Natural Resources, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Dept. of Transportation, USGS, Omaha Metro, City of Lincoln, 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:

Mr. Watermolen reported that Nebraska only had one submission. For next year, efforts will be made to promote the contest earlier in the school year.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item:       **REPORT FROM SPRING CONFERENCES**

Discussion:

Members provided reports and comments on 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:       **DEMO FROM NEMA AND LANCASTER COUNTY – RELATED TO THE FLOOD**

Discussion:

Chad Boshart provided the NEMA presentation. Jeff McReynolds provided the Lancaster County presentation. Nebraska experience a major snow storm in the panhandle and northern regions of the state just prior to the flooding which caused even more complications. The Nebraska flood was declared a national disaster. It will take years to fully recover.

Approximately 76 counties and 104 cities have been declared as a disaster. There is approximately 79,000 miles of river in Nebraska. Some of the issues all entities involved in the rescue and recovery efforts experienced included: a means to share information between state and local entities, the 511 map was not accurate, federal zip codes did not match the state's zip codes. Lancaster County assisted Sarpy County with drone coverage during the disaster. Mr. Watermolen indicated that within the next few months, he'd like to have a meeting inviting all entities who participate with the flood efforts to discuss, collaborate and coordinate efforts for future events.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item:       **UPDATE OF NG911 BOUNDARIES WORKGROUP**

Discussion:

The Public Service Commission (PSC) has indicated that the Public Service Commission will establish the workgroup. The PSC would like to have members of the GIS council serve on the workgroup. Those members will be receiving an email from the PSC inviting them to serve on the workgroup.

**Conclusions:**

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**Agenda item: OTHER BUSINESS**

**Discussion:**

Mr. Herbert asked members to contact him if they were interested in the imagery program.

**Conclusions:**

Members were asked to contact 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. Herbert 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 3, 2019 and agenda posted on GIS Council website April 15, 2019 .

**Special notes:**

The next meeting will be August 7, 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.