



# GIS Council Meeting

**APPROVED MINUTES**

November 4, 2020

1:00pm – 2:05 pm

**NITC Representatives:** John Watermolen

**Voting Members Present:** Mike Schonlau, Member at Large, Chair  
 Chad Boshart, NEMA/Military Dept.  
 Tim Erickson, Clerk of the Legislature  
 Bailey Gibson, Member At Large (WebEx)  
 Steve Rathje, Department of Natural Resources  
 Matt Tinkham, Member At Large – Professional Surveyors (WebEx)

**Voting Members Not Present or Participating via WebEx only:** Casey DunnGossin, Nebraska State Patrol, Vice-Chair  
 Jeff McReynolds, Lincoln Metro Area  
 Trinity Chappellear, Governor’s Policy Research Office  
 Han Liu, Department of Health and Human Services  
 Doug Hallum, Conservation and Survey Division, UNL  
 Danny Pittman, NACO  
 Lash Chaffin, League of Nebraska Municipalities  
 Kea Morovitz, Public Service Commission (WebEx)  
 Devarsi Majumder, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (WebEx)  
 Claire Inbody, Department of Transportation (WebEx)  
 Jim Ohmberger, Office of the CIO (WebEx)  
 Barbara Oswald, Department of Revenue (WebEx)  
 Lesli Rawlings, NE Geospatial Professional Assoc. (WebEx)  
 John Beran, State Surveyor  
 Eric Herbert, Omaha Metro Area (WebEx)  
 Chuck Wingert, Natural Resources Districts (WebEx)  
 John McKee, NACO  
 Gary Morrison, Department of Environment and Energy  
 Claire DeV Vaughan, Federal Liaison USGS (Non-voting) (WebEx)  
 Tim Cielocha, Public Power Districts (WebEx)  
 Don Lindquist, Member At Large – Precision Agriculture (WebEx)

**Roll Call:** Chair, Mike Schonlau, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Roll call was taken.

**Quorum:** A quorum was not present to conduct official business. The meeting proceeded with informational items.

**AGENDA ITEM: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

There were connections issues so the start of the meeting was delayed. No action taken due to lack of quorum.

**AGENDA ITEM: APPROVAL OF FEDERAL LIAISON TO THE GIS COUNCIL**

**Discussion:** Mr. Watermolen informed the Council that Jim Langtry’s position has not been filled yet. In the past, this council membership has normally been someone from USGS. Neil Dominy or another staff member at the Natural Resources Conservation Service, is interested in being a council member as a federal liaison.

Tabled until next meeting. No action necessary due to lack of quorum

**AGENDA ITEM: NOMINATION FOR VICE CHAIR FOR 2021(WILL BECOME CHAIR IN 2022)\***

**Discussion:** Mr. Schonlau encouraged members to volunteer to serve as Vice Chair.

Tabled until next meeting. No action taken due to lack of quorum.

**AGENDA ITEM: STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ACTION ITEM-UPDATES**

**Discussion:** NebraskaMap has updated content, added municipal boundaries and points. The site is HTTPS compliant. It was suggested to form a work group to discuss options for sharing data, what would be the requirements and specifications. More discussion to follow at a future meeting. Public comments were submitted to the National Spatial Data Infrastructure. Mr. Watermolen will send the link again to members.

**AGENDA ITEM: UPDATE WITH 3D NATIONAL/LIDER COLLECTION**

Claire DeVaughn provided a presentation showing Nebraska state maps current projects and proposed new projects, including timelines. Due to connectivity issues, not all members were able to view the presentation. Mr. Watermolen will send the presentation to the council members. Ms. DeVaughn also recommended going to their website: <https://www.usgs.gov/core-science-systems/ngp/3dep>.

**AGENDA ITEM: REPORT FROM THE 2020 VIRTUAL NSGIC CONFERENCE**

**Discussion:** This was a 5-day conference. Covid dashboards were the biggest topics of interest. Vendor discussions regarding imagery were conducted. Other conference topics included public/private partnerships and geo-elections.

**AGENDA ITEM: UPDATES FROM MEMBER AGENCIES**

**Discussion:** The following agencies provided updates – Nebraska Game & Parks, Public Service Commission, Natural Resources, GIS Educators of Nebraska; Department of Transportation, Omaha Metro Area, Douglas County/City of Omaha, and the Office of the CIO.

**AGENDA ITEM: UPCOMING GIS EVENTS**

GIS Day November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020: State is having a virtual conference on the 18<sup>th</sup> in the morning to showcase the work within state. If any entities are having GISDAY activities, please register them with ESRI.

**AGENDA ITEM: OTHER BUSINESS**

**Discussion:** Mr. Watermolen presented Mike Schonlau with an appreciation certificate for serving as Chair. Casey DunnGossin will become the 2021 Chair.

**AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Discussion:** There was no public comment.

**AGENDA ITEM: DATES FOR 2020**

**Discussion:** Dates for 2021 February 3, May 5<sup>th</sup>, August 4<sup>th</sup>, November 3<sup>th</sup>- All these meetings will be in the basement of the State Office Building at 1526 K Street, Lincoln .

**AGENDA ITEM: MEETING CONCLUSION**

**Discussion:** With no further business, Mr. Schonlau adjourned the meeting

**Conclusions:**

**Results:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

The open meeting laws were displayed in the meeting room. The meeting notice posted on the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on January 3, 2020. The meeting agenda posted on NITC and GIS Council website on October 20, 2020 .

Meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by John Watermolen of the Office of the CIO/NITC.