



GIS Council Meeting

APPROVED
January 27, 2021
1:00pm – 2:05 pm
Virtual

NITC Representatives: John Watermolen

Voting Members Present: Casey DunnGossin, Nebraska State Patrol, Chair
Mike Schonlau, Member at Large
Jeff McReynolds, Lincoln Metro Area
Kea Morovitz, Public Service Commission
Ryan Werner, Department of Natural Resources
Devarsi Majumder, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Claire Inbody, Department of Transportation
David Hattan, Office of the CIO
Barbara Oswald, Department of Revenue
Lesli Rawlings, NE Geospatial Professional Assoc.
Eric Herbert, Omaha Metro Area
Chuck Wingert, Natural Resources Districts
Gary Morrison, Department of Environment and Energy
Bailey Gibson, Member At Large
Matt Tinkham, Member At Large – Professional Surveyors
Doug Hallum, Conservation and Survey Division, UNL
Tim Erickson, Clerk of the Legislature
Claire DeVaughan, Federal Liaison USGS (Non-voting)

Voting Members Not Present: Chad Boshart, NEMA/Military Dept.
Trinity Chappelle, Governor’s Policy Research Office
Han Liu, Department of Health and Human Services
Danny Pittman, NACO
Lash Chaffin, League of Nebraska Municipalities
John Beran, State Surveyor
John McKee, NACO
Tim Cielocha, Public Power Districts
Don Lindquist, Member At Large – Precision Agriculture

Roll Call: Chair, Casey DunnGossin, 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
Mr. McReynolds moved to approve the May 6, August 5, and November 4, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Hallum seconded. Roll call vote: Dunn Gossin-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Morovitz-Yes, Majumder-Yes,, Inbody-Yes, Werner-Yes, Hattan-Yes, Oswald-Yes, Hallum-Yes, Rawlings-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Wingert-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Morrison-Yes, Tinkham-Yes, and Gibson-Yes. Results: Yes-16, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

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 from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, is interested in being a council member as a federal liaison.

Mr. Schonlau moved to approve the nomination of Neil Dominy to serve as the USGS representative on the GIS Council. Ms. Gibson seconded. Roll call vote: Dunn Gossin-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Morovitz-Yes, Majumder-Yes,, Inbody-Yes, Werner-Yes, Hattan-Yes, Oswald-Yes, Hallum-Yes, Rawlings-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Wingert-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Morrison-Yes, Tinkham-Yes, and Gibson-Yes. Results: Yes-16, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Results: Neil Dominy was approved to serve on the Council.

AGENDA ITEM: NOMINATION FOR VICE CHAIR FOR 2021(WILL BECOME CHAIR IN 2022)*
Discussion: Ryan Werner volunteered to serve as Vice Chair for 2021. There were no other volunteers.

Mr. Schonlau moved to approve the nomination of Ryan Werner to serve as the GIS Council Vice Chair for 2021. Mr. Hallum, seconded. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Dunn Gossin-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Morovitz-Yes, Majumder-Yes,, Inbody-Yes, Werner-

Yes, Hattan-Yes, Oswald-Yes, Hallum-Yes, Rawlings-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Wingert-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Morrison-Yes, Tinkham-Yes, Dominy-Yes, and Gibson-Yes. Results: Yes-16, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Results: Ryan Werner will serve as the GIS Council Vice Chair for 2021.

AGENDA ITEM: STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ACTION ITEM-UPDATES

Discussion: NebraskaMap has updated data and application additions. The NebraskaMap Workgroup has only one volunteer. Mr. Watermolen will do research and report back to the council regarding the ability to share local data with the state clearinghouse. MAPA is an example for the same concept. The Strategic Plan was originally done in 2012 with a cursory review in 2018. Does the Council want to do a formal strategic plan update? Discussion followed regarding the timing and funding of the plan. There was interest from the Council to formally update the plan in 2022. It was recommended to include the importance of the strategic plan.

Results: Mr. Watermolen will discuss this with the NITC at the March meeting. He will also explore how it was previously funded and investigate avenues of funding.

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. 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 GIS DAY & IDEAS FOR FUTURE GIS DAYS STATEWIDE PARTICIPATION

Discussion: GIS day was in November. The morning sessions had 13 presentations. Approximately, 41 state employees participated virtually. The planning committee is open to new ideas for next year, as well as ideas to who should we invited next year. Members were asked to send their ideas to Mr. Watermolen.

AGENDA ITEM: UPDATES FROM MEMBER AGENCIES

Discussion: The following agencies provided updates – Nebraska Game & Parks, Public Service Commission, GIS Educators of Nebraska; Department of Environmental Quality and Energy, Department of Transportation, Nebraska State Patrol, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, City of Lincoln/Lancaster County, Omaha Metro Area, Douglas County/City of Omaha, and the Office of the CIO.

AGENDA ITEM: UPCOMING GIS EVENTS

The Nebraska GIS/LIS Conference for 2021 will be held in the Fall rather than in April. Hopefully, it will be an in-person conference.

AGENDA ITEM: OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion: Clair Inbody shared the link to the GIS Transportation Conference, to be held April 19-22, 2021. <https://gis-t.transportation.org>

AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Discussion: There was no public comment.

AGENDA ITEM: DATES FOR 2021

Discussion: Dates for 2021 February 3, May 5th, August 4th, November 3th- All these meetings will be in the basement of the State Office Building at 1526 K Street, Lincoln. Hopefully, the Council will be able to meet in person for the May meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: MEETING CONCLUSION

Discussion: Mr. Schonlau moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McReynolds seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Conclusions:

Results: The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

The open meeting laws were displayed in the meeting room. The meeting notice posted on the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on January 5, 2021. 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.