GIS Council Meeting

NITC Representatives: John Watermolen
Voting Members Present: Ryan Werner, Department of Natural Resources
Jeff McReynolds, Lincoln Metro Area
Laura Johnson, Department of Environment and Energy
Tim Erickson, Clerk of the Legislature
Eric Herbert, Omaha Metro Area

Voting joining via WebEx: Christian Nielsen, Public Service Commission
Casey DunnGossin, Nebraska State Patrol
Claire Inbody, Department of Transportation
Lesli Rawlings, NE Geospatial Professional Assoc.
Devarsí Majumder, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
David Hattan, Office of the CIO
Mike Schonlau, Member at Large
Jennifer Parmeley, Department of Health and Human Services
Barbara Oswald, Department of Revenue
Tim Cielocha, Public Power Districts
Matt Tinkham, Member At Large – Professional Surveyors
Doug Hallum, Conservation and Survey Division, UNL
Don Lindquist, Member At Large – Precision Agriculture
Nancy Salmon, NACO
John McKee, NACO

Voting Members Not Present: Bailey Gibson, Member At Large
John Beran, State Surveyor
Lash Chaffin, League of Nebraska Municipalities
Trinity Chappelear, Governor’s Policy Research Office
Neil Dominy, Federal Liaison NRCS
Chuck Wingert, Natural Resources Districts

Roll Call: Chair, Ryan Werner, 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 MEETINGS

Results: Minutes were passed.

AGENDA ITEM: VOTE ON VICE CHAIR FOR 2022

Results: Tim Erickson was elected the 2022 Vice Chair.

AGENDA ITEM: STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ACTION ITEMS
NebraskaMap. Demonstration and review the procedure to collaborate between ArcGISHub sites, so NebraskaMap can have local data too.

Douglas county participated in a pilot program and it went well. Looking for more counties are needed for implementing. Documentation has been created and can be provided to entities that are interested in participating. Currently being shared through groups on NebraskaMAP

Summary of Elevation standards. Report on the comparison of State of Nebraska standards to 3D Nation and what the next steps should be.
Mr. Watermolen researched Nebraska’s standards. Nebraska’s standards are based on national USGS Standards version 1. At the May GIS Council meeting, Mr. Watermolen would like to adopt national standard for Nebraska as an action item.

**Boundary working group.** Set up meeting to discuss if should be reengaged.

The work group has not met in quite a while. Mr. Watermolen will get a meeting organized to determine if the working group is still needed and if so, what are the next steps. Council members mentioned that the Work Group will need to be aware of the different types of boundaries agencies and the laws and regulations affecting them. The OCIO does have historical work group information that the work group was active so will help start off the group. Agencies have different boundaries as well. Would like volunteers, so members are to let Mr. Watermolen an email if interested.

**AGENDA ITEM:** **UPDATE WITH 3D NATION/LIDAR COLLECTION**
**Discussion:** The LIDAR data that was collected is available for download from national map. Members can also get the data from Mr. Watermolen. NRCS will be doing refreshes over the next few months.

**Results:**

**AGENDA ITEM:** **NSGIC GEOSPATIAL MATURITY ASSESSMENT(GMA) – REPORT CARD**
**Discussion:** Every other year, NSGIC (National States Geographic Information Council) sends out a survey regarding state’s GIS progress. Results of this year’s GMA are on their website. Nebraska is doing well in comparison with other states. Leaf off imagery is the area Nebraska does not score well. Mr. Watermolen serves on the NSGIC Board.

**Results:**

**AGENDA ITEM:** **UPDATES FROM THE MEMBER AGENCIES**
**Discussion:** The following council members provided updates: Department of Natural Resources, Legislature Office, Public Service Commission, Department of Transportation; City of Lincoln/Lancaster County; Douglas County, Sarpy County, Public Power Districts, GIS Professionals, Department of Environment and Energy, Game and Parks Commission; and Office of the CIO

**AGENDA ITEM:** **UPCOMING GIS EVENTS**
**Discussion:** The following upcoming GIS event dates were shared with the council members.
ESRI regional user group, Chicago, IL March 17 and 18, 2022.
MAGIC Symposium Branson, MO April 10-14, 2022.
ESRI International User Conference

Members asked if the DEV Summit is free virtually for EAP. Mr Watermolen will follow up with ESRI and let agencies know.

**Results:**

**AGENDA ITEM:** **OTHER BUSINESS**
**Discussion:** NITC commissioners are very pleased with GIS efforts in the state of Nebraska. Mr. Watermolen provided consolidation cost savings information to the Commissioners as requested.

Ms. DunnGossin and Mr. Werner have been in discussions about the flood mitigation effort and FEMA data layers. If any members were interested in participating in the discussion, they were to contact Mr. Werner.

**Results:**

**AGENDA ITEM:** **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
**Discussion:** There were no public comments.

**Results:**

**AGENDA ITEM:** **DATES FOR 2022**
**Discussion:** The GIS Council meeting dates for 2022 are February 2, May 4, August 3, November 2nd. Meetings will be at the Department of Environment and Energy, 245 Fallbrook Blvd, Lincoln unless otherwise noted.

**Results:**

**AGENDA ITEM:** **MEETING CONCLUSION**
**Discussion:** Mr. Herbert moved to adjourn. Mr. Erickson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Results:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.