GIS Council Meeting

NITC Representatives: John Watermolen

Voting Members Present: Ryan Werner, Department of Natural Resources
Tim Erickson, Clerk of the Legislature
John Beran, State Surveyor
Lash Chaffin, League of Nebraska Municipalities
Neil Dominy, Federal Liaison NRCS
Doug Hallum, Conservation and Survey Division, UNL
Eric Herbert, Omaha Metro Area
Shani Mach, Department of Environment and Energy (Laura Johnson also present)
Claire Inbody, Department of Transportation
Don Lindquist, Member At Large – Precision Agriculture
Jeff McReynolds, Lincoln Metro Area
Mike Schonlau, Member at Large
Jennifer Parmeley, Department of Health and Human Services
Matt Tinkham, Member At Large – Professional Surveyors

Voting joining via WebEx: Tim Cielocha, Public Power Districts
Dave Hattan, Office of the CIO
Sue Krogman, NEMA
Devarsi Majumder, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
John McKee, NACO
Christian Nielsen, Public Service Commission
Barbara Oswald, Department of Revenue

Voting Members Not Present: Bailey Gibson, Member At Large
Trinity Chappelear, Governor’s Policy Research Office
Lesli Rawlings, NE Geospatial Professional Assoc.
Nancy Salmon, NACO
Chuck Wingert, Natural Resources Districts

Roll Call: Chair, Ryan Werner, called the meeting to order at 1:04 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: STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ACTION ITEM-UPDATES
Summary of Elevation standards – Approve new standards that reflect/match the current USGS 3D Nation Standards
Discussion: Mr. Watermolen would like to propose that the Council recommend to the NITC to adopt the current USGS 3D Nation Standards for Nebraska. The NITC will be meeting on July 14th for their quarterly meeting. Mr. Schonlau moved to recommend the current USGS 3D Nation Standard to the NITC. Mr. Hallum seconded. Roll call vote: Werner-Yes, Erickson-Yes, Beran-Yes, Chaffin-Yes, Dominy-Yes, Hallum-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Inbody-Yes, Lindquist-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Parmeley-Yes, and Tinkham-Yes. Results: Yes-14, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Results: The USGS 3D Nation Standards will be recommended to the NITC.

Boundary Work Group Update.
Discussion: Mr. Watermolen reported that the group has met. Since the assisting the Legislature with redistricting, the Legislature has decided to do an interim study to identify statutes that contribute to boundary layers. Mr. Erickson commented that there were discrepancies when the redistricting initiative occurred. The interim study will also identify boundaries that have no determination.

Results:

AGENDA ITEM: UPDATE WITH 3D NATION/LIDAR COLLECTION
Discussion: Claire DeVauughan, USGS, provided an update. There has been a lot of progress since February. Several of the Nebraska projects have been completed.
Mr. Dominy reported that USDA has hired Rachel Bulgar as their new GIS Specialist. The agency has been involved with a LIDAR hydro enforcement project with Iowa State University. If interested, he will share their information.

Mr. Schonlau informed the Council that a public entity has received funding for a LIDAR project in eastern Nebraska covering several counties. The project will provide a higher than QL1 imagery with 6-inch contours. Douglas County contacted the vendor. The vendor owns the hard data. Local entities will be able to purchase derivative products from this collection and can share that data. The project is paying for the flight which has been a cost savings. Mr. Schonlau is willing to share information which should be available by end of the year.

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

Results:

AGENDA ITEM: UPCOMING GIS EVENTS

Discussion:
Nebraska GIS/LIS Annual Meeting. Friday, May 6th, Mahoney State Park. Members were encouraged to register.

ESRI International User Conference. The conference is scheduled for July 11-15 in San Diego, California. There is a free virtual digital access optional, not all sessions would be available. The conference link will be sent out to council members.

Results:

AGENDA ITEM: OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion: There was no other business.

Council members thanked Jeff Timm for his work with the OCIO. Council members also commented on the building location and accessibility, especially for members traveling to Lincoln.

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. Schonlau moved to adjourn. Mr. McReynolds seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Results: The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.