

NEBRASKA GIS COUNCIL

Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 1 p.m.
 Department of Environment and Energy
 245 Fallbrook Blvd - Hearing Room 31
 Lincoln, Nebraska

MINUTES

GIS COUNCIL MEMBER	REPRESENTATING	PRESENT	ABSENT	CALL-IN
Erickson, Tim - Chair	Clerk of the Legislature	X		
Vacant – Co-Chair				
Dave Hattan	Chief Information Officer			
Jennifer Parmeley	Dept Health and Human Services CEO		X	
Shani Mach	Dept of Environment and Energy	X		
Doug Hallum	UNL Conservation & Survey Division	X		
Ryan Werner	Department of Natural Resources	X		
Grant Latimer	Governor’s Policy Research Office		X	
Claire Inbody	Director-State Engineer		X	
John Beran	State Surveyor			X
Spencer Trowbridge	Game and Parks Commission	X		
Barb Oswald	Property Tax Administrator			X
Neal Dominy	Federal Agencies		X	
Chuck Wingert	NE Association of Resource Districts			X
Tim Cielocha	Public Power Districts		X	
<i>Vacant</i>	NACO Representative – Counties			
Nancy Salmon	NACO Representative - Counties			X
Vacant	League of Nebraska Municipalities			
Bailey Gibson	Member-At-Large		X	
Mike Schonlau	Member-At-Large	X		
<i>Vacant</i>	Nebraska Emergency Management			
<i>Vacant</i>	Public Service Commission			
Lesli Rawlings	Geospatial Professional Organization			X
Eric Herbert	Omaha Metro Area			X
Jeff McReynolds	Lincoln Metro		X	
Don Lindquist	Member-At-Large – AG Tech		X	
Matt Tinkham	Member-At-Large – Surveyors			X
<i>Vacant</i>	Nebraska State Patrol			

ROLL CALL; MEETING NOTICE; OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

The Chair, Tim Erickson, called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. There were 12 members present at the time of roll. A quorum was present to conduct official business. The meeting notice was posted to the NITC website and the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on January 31, 2023. The agenda was posted to the NITC website on October 23, 2023. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was located on the back table.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 2, 2023

Mr. Hallum moved to approve the following friendly amendment corrections to the minutes:

- Under “Approved Minutes from 5/3/2023 Section”, delete the sentence that reads, “He arrived shortly the vote”.
- Under the “Members Agencies and Representative’s Update, Lesli Rawlings’ first name was misspelled.

Ms. Rawlings seconded. Roll call vote: Erickson-Yes, Hallum-Yes, Hattan-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Mach-Yes, Oswald-Yes, Rawlings-Yes, Salmon-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Beran-Yes, Tinkham-Yes, Trowbridge-Yes, Werner-Yes, and Wingert-Yes. Results: Yes-13, Abstained-1, No-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Hallum moved to approve the August 2, 2023 minutes as amended. Ms. Rawlings seconded. Roll call vote: Wingert-Yes, Werner-Yes, Trowbridge-Yes, Tinkham-Yes, Beran-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Salmon-Yes, Rawlings-Yes, Oswald-Yes, Mach-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Hattan-Yes, Hallum-Yes, and Erickson-Yes. Results: Yes-13, Abstained-1, No-0. Motion carried.

NEBRASKA STATEWIDE TECHNOLOGY PLAN: STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ACTION ITEMS

Formalize the definition of the Nebraska Spatial Data Infrastructure (NESDI) and Data Stewardship. LR370 resulted in a 212-page Study of Boundaries in Nebraska. Some of the boundaries were established as far back as 1923 and may or may not meet NITC Standards. The purpose of the Subcommittee would review the report and come back with recommendations to the GIS Council. It is a complex and dry document that is in need of review. The more members reviewing the document the better the review. The Legislature set no timeline. Members asked about an estimated time commitment which was hard to determine without knowing the size of the subcommittee. One result could be an inventory of all the boundaries used by the state. Mr. Schonlau will get a volunteer from his organization. Some members will need to speak with their supervisors about the time commitment. Mr. Trowbridge volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

Mr. Hallum moved to establish the sub-committee for boundaries. Mr. Schonlau seconded. Roll call vote: Erickson-Yes, Hallum-Yes, Hattan-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Mach-Yes, Oswald-Yes, Rawlings-Yes, Salmon-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Beran-Yes, Tinkham-Yes, Trowbridge-Yes, Werner-Yes, and Wingert-Yes. Results: Yes-14, Abstained-0, No-0. Motion carried.

Geodetic and Survey Control Inventory and Assessment. There was no report.

Nebraska Statewide Elevation Program, Claire DeVaughn. Ms. DeVaughn provided a report on the new 3DEP project's progress. There is a 26 county LiDAR collection scheduled to start early spring 2024 and deliverables are expected by spring of 2025.

Nebraska Statewide Imagery Program. There was no report.

Statewide Land Record Information System. The Statewide Land Record Information Systems standard needs to be reviewed and updated. In addition, members have expressed interest in developing a statewide Parcel data standard. This Subcommittee would discuss the potential development of the Parcels standard and make a recommendation to the Council and NITC.

Mr. Herbert moved to establish the Sub-committee for Land Records and Parcels standard. Mr. Schonlau seconded. Roll call vote: Hallum-Yes, Hattan-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Mach-Yes, Oswald-Yes, Rawlings-Yes, Salmon-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Beran-Yes, Tinkham-Yes, Trowbridge-Yes, Werner-Yes, Wingert-Yes, and Erickson-Yes. Results: Yes-14, Abstained-0, No-0. Motion carried.

NebraskaMAP – A Geospatial Data Sharing and Web Services Network. Ms. DunnGossin reported that discussions are occurring about getting rid of group layers of data in the portal environment. This will involve republishing data sets individually layer by layer.

The statewide technology plan will be due for an update next year. The GIS Council will need to begin working on the plan.

MEMBER AGENCIES AND REPRESENTATIVE'S UPDATES

Department of Natural Resources, Ryan Werner. The NeDNR NeRRF application has some new features. The next release will be in February 2024. Communication will be pushed at GIS/LIS events and social media outlets. With the migration to ArcGIS Pro, custom tools needed to be redeveloped. There will be a meeting regarding ice jam reporting and related activities so that all agencies on the same page. New datasets are coming out for irrigated acres. Surface water rights data sets are being developed and enhanced.

Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, Spenser Trowbridge. The agency has been developing ADA compliance policies for facilities. ESRI has been contacted regarding real-time tracking of callers. The agency is looking to expand GIS knowledge and awareness in the agency.

Member-at-Large, Mike Schonlau. The NIROC Consortium has selected Eagle View will be the vendor doing the flight for one-inch resolution imagery. Planning is underway for Douglas County to do an annual imagery. Products would be ready and available by early fall. Migration efforts are underway and there is a huge effort to push office automation.

Department of Environment and Energy, Shani Mach. Ms. Mach introduced Brandon Beethe. Mr. Beethe will be her replacement to serve on the Council. Today is her last meeting.

Omaha Metro, Eric Herbert. The agency is in the middle of migration efforts and plans to do annual updates to imagery.

GIS/LIS Organization, Lesli Rawlings. Ms. Rawlings attended a Omaha Metro Teacher event. The Geographic Educators of Nebraska were present to promote the art competition, as well as to look for Geomentors. This Saturday is Geofest and Ms. Rawlings and Ms. DunnGossin will be in attendance. To address the budget shortfall, UNK was considering defunding the Geography Department. No decision has been made.

Clerk of the Legislature, Tim Erickson. There are 68 days left before the legislature is back in session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Charter. Rick Becker, OCIO Legal Counsel, assisted Ms. DunnGossin with the wording of the Charter so that matched with statute. 6.2.18 regarding additional members last item g. add one representative of an Official tribal organization in Nebraska. Ms. DunnGossin stated that most western states have a tribal representative. For Section 6.4, the Council recommended the following wording: Each member [12, 18-19, 22-26, 28] may serve and be a voting member until the appointment of a successor.

Mr. Werner moved to approve the Charter recommended amendments from the GIS Council. Mr. Schonlau seconded. Roll call vote: Oswald-Yes, Mach-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Hattan-Yes, Hallum-Yes, Erickson-Yes, Wingert-Yes, Werner-Yes, Trowbridge-Yes, Tinkham-Yes, Beran-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Salmon-Yes, and Rawlings-Yes. Results: Yes-14, Abstained-0, No-0. Motion carried.

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIR

Jeff McReynolds has volunteered to serve as co-chair of the GIS Council. There were no more nominations from the floor.

Mr. Werner moved to nominate Jeff McReynolds to serve as the 2024 Co-Chair of the GIS Council. Mr. Schonlau seconded. Roll call vote: Rawlings-Yes, Salmon-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Beran-Yes, Tinkham-Yes, Trowbridge-Yes, Werner-Yes, Wingert-Yes, Erickson-Yes, Hallum-Yes, Hattan-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Mach-Yes, and Oswald-Yes. Results: Yes-14, Abstained-0, No-0. Motion carried.

GIS Day is scheduled for November 17th

MAGIC will be held in downtown Omaha next year April 15-18, 2024.

The upcoming 2024 GIS Council meeting dates are as follows: March 6, June 5, September 4, and October 30.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schonlau moved to adjourned. Mr. Werner seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by Casey DunnGossin of the Office of the CIO.

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