

**NEBRASKA GIS COUNCIL**

Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 1:00–3:30 pm

Department of Environment and Energy

Hearing Room 31, 245 Fallbrook Blvd, Lincoln, Nebraska

Virtual Attendees: 1-408-418-9388 United States Toll

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**MINUTES**

<b>GIS COUNCIL Member/Designee</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>CALL-IN</b>
Chair: McReynolds, Jeff	Member At-Large	X		
Vice-Chair: Parmeley, Jennifer	Department of Health and Human Services	X		
Erickson, Tim	Clerk of the Legislature	X		
Vacant	Public Service Commission			
Schonlau, Mike	League of NE Municipalities			X
Cielocha, Tim	Public Power Districts			X
Vacant -	Federal Agencies			
Vacant -	Member At Large			
Joeckel, Matt	Conservation & Survey Division, UNL			X
Vijayarangam, Prabhakar	Office of the Chief Information Officer			
Herbert, Eric	Omaha Metro Area			
Inbody, Claire	Department of Transportation			X
Mach, Shani	Dept. of Environment & Energy			X
Lucas, Charlie	Nebraska State Patrol	X		
Lindquist, Don	Member At Large – Precision Ag			X
Vacant	NEMA/MIL			
Kennedy, Sean	NACO Representative			X
Miller, Adam	Lincoln Metro Area			X
Oswald, Barb	Property Tax Administrator			X
Rawlings, Lesli	GIS Professional Organization			X
Salmon, Nancy	NACO Representative			X
Beran, John	State Surveyor			X
Latimer, Grant	Governor PRO			X
Tinkham, Matt	Member At Large – Professional Surveyor			X
Trowbridge, Spencer	Nebraska Game & Parks Com.	X		
Werner, Ryan	Department of Natural Resources			X
Wingert, Chuck	NE Association of Resource Districts			X
Vacant	Official Tribal Organization			

**ROLL CALL; MEETING NOTICE; OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION**

The Chair, Jeff McReynolds, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. 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 3, 2025. The agenda was posted to the NITC website on January 22, 2025. The [Nebraska Open Meetings Act](#) was located on the table with meeting materials.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 10/30/2024\***

**Mr. Erickson moved to approve the October 30, 2024 minutes as presented. Mr. Lucas seconded. Roll call vote: McReynolds-Yes, Parmeley-Yes, Erickson-Yes, Cielocha-Yes, Inbody-Yes, Mach-Yes, Lucas-Yes, Lindquist-Yes, Kennedy-Yes, Miller-Yes, Oswald-Yes, Joeckel-Abstained, Salmon-Yes, Latimer-Yes, Tinkham-Yes, Trowbridge-Yes, Werner-Yes, and Wingert-Yes. Results: Yes, 17, No-0, and Abstained-1. Motion carried.**

#### **GEOSPATIAL NEBRASKA ACTION ITEMS:**

Formalize the definition of the NESDI and Data Stewardship. The Boundary Working Group has been developing the definition, as well as working with the numerous statutes. Mr. Tinkham volunteered to have his staff review the statutes. River boundaries are also reference differently in statutes. Ms. Inbody showed the spreadsheet that DOT is developing on the counties and boundaries. Council members will receive a copy of the DOT spreadsheet.

Geodetic and Survey Control Inventory and Assessment. Ms. DunnGossin has not had an opportunity to touch base with Cass County to take a lead on this initiative. The GIS Council did have a Metadata Work Group years ago. Perhaps the work group would need to be re-established. Council members were reminded that the Work Group members do not need to be council members.

**Mr. Erickson made a motion to have Ms. DunnGossin explore the metadata issue and feasibility to recreate a Metadata Work Group. Mr. McReynolds seconded. Roll call vote: Werner-Yes, Trowbridge-Yes, Tinkham-Yes, Latimer-Yes, Salmon-Yes, Joeckel-Yes, Oswald-Yes, Miller-Yes, Kennedy-Yes, Lindquist-Yes, Lucas-Yes, Mach-Yes, Inbody-Yes, Cielocha-Yes, Erickson-Yes, Parmeley-Yes, and McReynolds-Yes. Results: Yes, 17, No-0, and Abstained-1. Results: Yes-17, No-0, and Abstained-0. Motion carried.**

Statewide Land Record Information Dataset & Cadastral Dataset. There was no update

NEGIS and NebraskaMap – Facilitating Spatial Understanding. The Office of the CIO plans to use AP credits to improve NebraskaMap and geodata survey.

#### **STATE GIS COORDINATOR'S REPORT.**

For future meetings, she will provide a written report and will have her staff present the report to the Council. The Portal has been updated to Portal 11.3. Some software upgrades were required for the implementation of the upgrade. Arc GIS 3.4.0 no longer requires access database to operate and hope to deploy as soon as possible. The OCIO is working at AWS to provide a proof of concept. This will provide opportunities to share data

at an affordable cost. ESRI data is available for state agencies to access. The Department of Transportation was thanked for their assistance. The OCIO is asking ESRI for the 2025 pricing. The ESRI ELA is still in effective but may need some revision. The ESRI Advantage program was not renewed last year but the OCIO is working with them to use our remaining credit. Data Axle has signed an agreement to handle data county data. If there are agencies or council members that would like this information, they were to contact Ms. DunnGossin.

The 2025 NSGIC Midyear Meeting will be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado on February 23-27<sup>th</sup>. Ms. DunnGossin is a board member. The Board has been working on a strategic plan that she hopes to share this at the next GIS meeting. Mr. Tinkham informed the council that Ms. DunnGoss will be a presenter at the PSAN (Professional Surveyors Association of Nebraska) Winter Conference, February 13-14, in Kearney. The GIS Council will be a sponsor of the 2025 GIS/LIS Symposium.

Member Agencies and Representatives Updates. The following agencies and sectors provided reports: the Clerk of the Legislature Office, the Department of Health and Human Services; the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission; the Nebraska State Patrol; the Lincoln Electric System; Department of Energy and Environment; the Department of Transportation; the Nebraska Public Power District; the League of Municipalities; and the GIS/LIS Organization.

Matt Joeckel, the University of Nebraska Soil and Conservation Division, gave accolades and kudos to Doug Hallum. Mr. Hallum has resigned from the Council. is no longer with UNL and has accepted a position with the Natural Resources District. A new council member will be designated.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Member Recognition.** Ms. DunnGossin reminded council members that this will be an agenda item for the meetings, as a means of sharing good news. Ms. Parmeley was congratulated on receiving her GISP. Members were asked to share good news with the OCIO.

### **Legislative Bill Discussion (see attached list)\***

In the meeting materials, members received a list of legislative bills pertaining to GIS. Ms. DunnGossin will keep the list updated as the legislative session progresses.

### **Candidate Review & Recommendation to NITC\***

The GIS Council will be asking the NITC approval of the following nominations as council members:

- Eric Herbert, reappointment representing the Omaha Metro Area
- Isaac Remboldt, new appointment representing Federal Agencies

**Mr. Erickson moved to approve the council membership nominations and recommend to the NITC for approval. Ms. Parmeley seconded. Roll call vote:**

**McReynolds-Yes, Parmeley-Yes, Erickson-Yes, Shonlau-Yes, Cielocha-Yes, Inbody-Yes, Mach-Yes, Lucas-Yes, Lindquist-Yes, Kennedy-Yes, Miller-Yes, Oswald-Yes, Joeckel-Yes, Rawlings-Yes, Salmon-Yes, Latimer-Yes, Tinkham-Yes, Trowbridge-Yes, and Werner-Yes. Results: Yes, 19, No-0, and Abstained-0. Motion carried**

Upcoming Events included:

- PSAN (Professional Surveyors Association of Nebraska), February 13-14 in Kearney
- GIS/LIS Symposium: April 22-23 in Lincoln
- NITC Meeting: March 14 in Lincoln

## **PUBLIC COMMENT FROM ATTENDEES**

Doug Hallum, Water Resources Handler with Natural Resources District, requested the Council assistance with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party database. The database holds all kinds of data with limited options to analyze space. The OCIO GIS team offered to assist.

Mitch Bergeson, USGC, informed the council that work units 1, 2, and 3 data are now available.

### **Upcoming GIS Council Dates:**

2025 dates – March 5, June 4, August 6, October 1, and November 5

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Werner moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kennedy seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

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