

NEBRASKA GIS COUNCIL

Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 1:00–3:30 pm

Department of Environment and Energy

Hearing Room 31, 245 Fallbrook Blvd, Lincoln, Nebraska

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MINUTES

GIS COUNCIL Member/Designee	REPRESENTING	PRESENT	ABSENT	CALL- IN
Chair: McReynolds, Jeff	Member At-Large (General)	X		
Vice-Chair: Parmeley, Jennifer	Department of Health and Human Services	X		
Vijayarangam, Prabhakar	Office of the Chief Information Officer	X		X
Mach, Shani	Department of Environment and Energy			
Joeckel, Matt	Conservation & Survey Division, UNL	X		
Werner, Ryan	Department of Natural Resources	X		X
Hart, Madeline	Governor's Public Research Office	X		X
Inbody, Claire	Director-State Engineer (NDOT)	X		X
Beran, John	State Surveyor	X		X
Erickson, Tim	Clerk of the Legislature	X		X
Trowbridge, Spencer	Secretary of Nebraska Game & Parks Commission	X		
Oswald, Barb	Property Tax Administrator	X		
Vacant -	Federal Agencies			
Wingert, Chuck	NE Association of Resource Districts		X	
Cielocha, Tim	Public Power Districts		X	
Kennedy, Sean	NE Association of County Officials	X		X
Salmon, Nancy	NE Association of County Officials			X
Schonlau, Mike	League of NE Municipalities	X		X
Vacant	Member At Large (General)			
Vacant	Emergency Management Agency			
Vacant	Public Service Commission			
Rawlings, Lesli	Geospatial Professional Association	X		X
Herbert, Eric	Omaha Metro Area		X	
Miller, Adam	Lincoln Metro Area	X		X
Lindquist, Don	Member At Large (Precision AG)	X		X
Tinkham, Matt	Member At Large (Professional Surveyor)	X		X
Lucas, Charlie	Nebraska State Patrol	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 February 26, 2025. The [Nebraska Open Meetings Act](#) was located on the table with meeting materials.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 10/30/2024*

Jennifer Parmeley's last name was misspelled. Lesli Rawlings indicated her section representation should read GIS Professional Association not GIS/LIS Professional Association

Mr. Joeckel moved to approve the October 30, 2024, minutes as presented. Mr. Schonlau seconded. Roll call vote: McReynolds-Yes, Parmeley-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Joeckel-Yes, Inbody-Yes, Lucas-Yes, Linquist-Yes, Kennedy-Yes, Oswald-Yes, Rawlings-Yes, Salmon-Yes, Tinkham, Trowbridge-Yes, and Werner-Yes. Results: Yes-15, No-0, and Abstained-0. Motion carried.

The following council members joined the meeting virtually: Tim Erickson, Adam Miller, and John Beran joined the meeting.

GEOSPATIAL NEBRASKA ACTION ITEMS

Formalize the definition of the NESDI and Data Stewardship. Mr. Kennedy provided an update. There are still lots of chapters to review. The work group has reviewed up to Chapter 31. The DOT team has someone that reviewed the statutes that has resulted in interesting findings and have developed a spreadsheet. Ms. DunnGossin would like to share this with Tinkham's group. There are differences in references points. This is vital information or NextGen911. Would the surveyor group be interested take a look at this data. He has Scott Peters reviewing it. Any boundary changes would need to be brought before the Legislature by the counties.

Geodetic and Survey Control Inventory and Assessment. No update.

Statewide Land Record Information Dataset & Cadastral Dataset. Ms. DunnGossin plans to reach out to Sarpy County to see if they would be interested in taking charge of this initiative.

NEGIS and NebraskaMap – Facilitating Spatial Understanding. Ms. DunnGossin has had an EA Advantage program that is not being renewed. Any remaining credits need to be spent this year or lose them. The OCIO is a revamp of NebraskaMap: more user friendly, additional information regarding datum and how it is beneficial to Nebraskans.

STATE GIS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Ms. DunnGossin presented the first GIS Coordinator's report to the GIS Council and was included in the meeting materials sent to the council members.

NEGIS Enterprise: The OCIO GIS team has outlined a proposal establishing a multi-machine Portal for ArcGIS environment that will allow the resources to scale more fluidly than the current structure. We are starting to roll ArcGIS Pro 3.4.2 out to the agencies for use. Unfortunately, it does not resolve the excel driver issue and .xlsx documents still cannot be opened in the new deployment. We are also updating the geodatabases to version 11.3 to better match the portal version. Mr. Schonlau had a solution to the spreadsheet issue and offered his assistance to the council members.

NSGIC Midyear Meeting. Ms. DunnGossin attended the NSGIC midyear meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The NSGIC board is working on rolling out a Strategic Plan for the organization which includes recruiting new members. Nebraska's membership includes my membership, and associate memberships for NeDNR. A "Fed(eral)" day was held with the USDOT, NOAA, and USGS all presented. USDOT discussed HD mapping and charting concepts that are being discussed. The NSDI Transportation theme will expand to include aeronautical charts and a national tunnel inventory.

National Geodetic Survey discussed the status/future of the Datum update. Beta update is planned for 2025, and a full roll out in 2026. They are unsure if they will meet the schedule due to current uncertainty. The USGS has experienced significant changes since January, which will impact their ability to QA/QC data received for 3DEP.

In March NSGIC will send out the "GMA" or Geospatial Maturity Assessment for states to fill out. I'll reach out to the theme experts with the questions and work with them to fill out the assessment.

The conference next year will be in Nashville.

MEMBER AGENCIES AND REPRESENTATIVES UPDATES

The following agencies provided an update: Department of Health and Human Services; League of Municipalities; Nebraska Department of Transportation; GIS Professional Association; Nebraska Game and Parks Commission; Department of Natural Resources; and the Office of the CIO.

Madeline Hart was introduced as the representative from the Governor's Policy Research Office. She joined the office about a month ago and is excited to work with the Council.

Matt Tinkham had given his resignation to Ms. DunnGossin and wanted to thank the council for their work and nominated Scott Peters to fill his vacancy.

OTHER BUSINESS

Member Recognition. This section of the meeting would be to recognize GIS Council members. Ryan Werner for his cooperation and collaboration with NDOT.

Several OCIO teammates were nominated for the State Scoops awards: Casey DunnGossin, Joe Homan, Bryan Falk and Matthew McCarville. Voting is open on their website.

Legislative Bill Discussion. A list of Legislative bills to the members prior to the meeting. There is no update on the bills. Council members were given an opportunity for discussion.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GIS/LIS Symposium. This year it is being held on April 22-23, 2025 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Registration is open. The symposium will be in Lincoln at the Cornhusker Marriott.

NITC Meeting. The meeting will be held on March 14th, 10:00 a.m. in Lincoln at the Nebraska Public Media.

Big Ten GIS Conference 2025. This year it will be held on April 11, 2024 (Virtual)

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM ATTENDEES

There was no public comment.

UPCOMING GIS COUNCIL DATES

The meeting dates for 2025 dates are March 5, June 4, August 6, October 1, and November 5.

The next meeting in June will need to be an in-person meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schonlau moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lindquist seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 m p.m.

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