

NEBRASKA GIS COUNCIL

Wednesday, June 4, 2025, 1-3:30 p.m. CT

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

GIS COUNCIL Member/Designee	REPRESENTING	PRESENT	ABSENT	CALL- IN
Chair: McReynolds, Jeff	Member At-Large (General)		A	
Vice-Chair: Parmeley, Jennifer	Department of Health and Human Services	P		
Vijayarangam, Prabhakar	Office of the Chief Information Officer		A	
Mach, Shani	Department of Environment and Energy	P		
Joeckel, Matt	Conservation & Survey Division, UNL		A	
Werner, Ryan	Department of Natural Resources	P		
Hart, Madeline	Governor's Policy Research Office		A	
Inbody, Claire	Director-State Engineer (NDOT)	P		
Sherlock, Casey	State Surveyor		A	X
Erickson, Tim	Clerk of the Legislature	P		
Trowbridge, Spencer	Secretary of Nebraska Game & Parks Commission	P		
Oswald, Barb	Property Tax Administrator	P		
Vacant -	Federal Agencies			
Wingert, Chuck	NE Association of Resources Districts		A	X
Cielocha, Tim	Public Power Districts	P		
Kennedy, Sean	NE Association of County Officials	P		
Salmon, Nancy	NE Association of County Officials	P		
Schonlau, Mike	League of NE Municipalities	P		
Vacant	Member At Large (General)			
Vacant	Emergency Management Agency			
Vacant	Public Service Commission			
Rawlings, Lesli	GIS Professional Association	P		
Herbert, Eric	Omaha Metro Area	P		
Miller, Adam	Lincoln Metro Area		A	
Linguist, Don	Member At Large (Precision AG)	P		
Tinkham, Matt	Member At Large (Professional Surveyor)		A	
Lucas, Charlie	Nebraska State Patrol		A	
Vacant	Official Tribal Organization			

ROLL CALL; MEETING NOTICE; OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

The Chair, Jennifer Parmeley, 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 May 27, 2025. The [Nebraska Open Meetings Act](#) was located on the table with meeting materials.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 5, 2025*

The Chair and NITC staff corrected

Mr. Kennedy moved to approve the March 5, 2025, minutes as presented. Mr. Erickson seconded. Roll call vote: Parmeley-Yes, Erickson-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Cielocha-Abstained, Herbert-Abstained, Inbody-Yes, Mach-Abstained, Linqvist-Yes, Kennedy-Yes, Oswald-Yes, Salmon-Yes, Trowbridge-Yes, and Werner-Yes. Results: Yes-10, No-0, and Abstained-3. Motion carried.

The following council members joined the meeting virtually for participation only non-voting: Chuck Wingert and John Beran.

GEOSPATIAL NEBRASKA ACTION ITEMS:

Formalize the definition of the NESDI and Data Stewardship. There was no report. The scheduled Boundary Working Group meeting did not occur due to weather.

Geodetic and Survey Control Inventory and Assessment. It is anticipated that the survey will be done in early 2025 and 2026. Mr. Sherlock indicated that it will likely come out later 2026.

Statewide Land Record Information Dataset & Cadastral Dataset. The statewide parcel processing is complete with the most recent since January. Currently, don't have a way to update some. No owner information is provided. NSOT has been contacted to take the lead to schedule next meeting and are waiting on their response.

NEGIS and NebraskaMap – Facilitating Spatial Understanding. NebraskaMAP has been revamped. A brief demonstration was provided. There will be additional pages for topics and resources. Any references to NebraskaMAP that are on the NITC GIS Council website will be redirected to NebraskaMAP portal. This way only one website will need to be updated in one location not two. Categorization is being discussed. Some states are customizing the categorizations so that it would be easier to find. Agencies will be brought in for discussion of categories that will work for them. Members were asked to think about the categories for discussion and vote at the August meeting. There is currently no analytics on the website to measure usage. It was recommended to add a search bar, as well as a User Guide. County Assessor information will come from the counties and be updated in NebraskaMAP. Before the portal goes live, council members will be sent the link for their review.

Lesli Rawlings arrived to the meeting.

NebraskaMAP Metadata dataset standard. Ms. DunnGossin noted that the metadata set standard may not meet the NITC standards. After discussion, it was by group consensus to create the Metadata Work Group. Work Group members do not need to be on the GIS Council. Ms. DunnGossin will be sending a note for volunteers and/or recommendations of people to serve on the Work Group. Hopefully, the group will meet and provide a report at the August meeting.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Matt Tinkham has resigned from the GIS Council. He has recommended Scott Peters, Hall County Surveyor, as his replacement. Once the GIS Council approves the nomination, it will go before the NITC for final approval. Mr. Peters will then need to complete the Governor's application process for final appointment approval by the Governor.

In the coming months, there will be lots of activity with the merger of the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environment and Energy.

Ms. DunnGossin reported on NSGIC conference she attended. The survey deadline that was sent to members has an extended due date of June 17th.

ESRI contacted her regarding the following issues:

- ESRI Licensing. Customers are expressing their concerns about the price of the licensing. There may be changes coming forward.
- ARC GIS 35 issue, 31 patches need to be installed to address these issues. The 35 patch was released this morning.

The council nor the State have agreed on which dataset to use – NAT83 or WGS84. Mr. Sherlock commented that the state needs to be prepared and make sure data is in NAT83 2011 to make transition to the current NAT83. The federal agency has created tools to assist. After more discussion, it was discovered that datasets will need to go through several updates to get to the final stage.

MEMBERS UPDATE:

Updates were provided by the following agencies: Nebraska Geospatial Professional Association; League of Nebraska Municipalities; Nebraska Association of County Officials; Nebraska Game and Parks; Clerk of the Legislature; Department of Transportation; and the Department of Health and Human Services.

OTHER BUSINESS

Member Recognition. No reports.

Legislative Bill. Updated the status of bills.

Upcoming Events

The ESRI User Conference is scheduled for July 14-18, 2025 in San Diego, California.

The GIS-PRO in the Rockies Conference is scheduled for October 6-9, 2025 in Denver, Colorado.

The Nebraska representation on the Women in GIS Group is growing. If there was interest in the group, members were asked to contact Jennifer Parmeley.

The GIS/LIS Board Meeting will be held on June 13th. Their website has a link to the meeting. If you attended the symposium, you automatically become a 2-year member.

The NSGIC Annual Conference is scheduled for September 14-19, 2025 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Nebraska's GIS Day will be held on November 19, 2025. There will be more information to come.

The MAGIC Symposium will be held in Omaha on April 14-16, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

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