

GIS Council Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2012
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Nebraska Department of Roads - Main Auditorium
1500 Nebraska Hwy 2, Lincoln Nebraska



GIS Council • Nebraska Information Technology Commission

Meeting Summary

GIS Council Membership There are 4 council vacancies that will be filled in the coming months. Suggestions were provided for those seats. Several seats should be given preference to representatives from western Nebraska.

Election of Officers The new officers are Chair: Mr. Jim Ohmberger, Office of the CIO; and Vice-Chair: Mr. Mike Preston, Nebraska Geospatial Professional Association. A follow-up discussion will occur at the next meeting for finalizing formalities and timing of the next election process.

Format for Future GIS Council Meetings Changes will occur over the process of the next several meetings on suggestions for member representation, communications and meeting discussions, meeting presentations by council members, minutes, meeting room setup, working groups, and meeting frequency. The minutes have taken on a new format as you can see. Ms. Brenda Decker has been invited to the next meeting for updates from the Office of the CIO.

Nebraska Geospatial Strategic Planning There were 93 responses to the online strategic planning survey after a day and a half it was announced. Regional workshops for the strategic planning will be Feb. 7-9 and Feb. 21-22. Locations have been reserved in Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island, Norfolk, North Platte, and Gering. Members were asked to complete the survey and register for at least one workshop. A retreat for GIS Council members and state agency directors was forwarded to the Strategic Planning Committee for planning and identifying potential dates.

Status of Working Groups Outcomes from the strategic plan could result in modifications to existing and new working groups to be formed. The overall consensus of the council was to continue with the currently established working groups but evaluate their current status. This would be accomplished by reviewing the following: purpose, needs, goals and outcomes; appointment of working group members and who should be involved; frequency of working group meetings; timelines to accomplish objectives; communication and reporting structure back to the GIS Council for motions, votes and acceptance of recommendations. Working group summaries and member rosters will be prepared and sent to GIS Council members for review. Methods such as web and teleconferencing will be explored to make meetings more efficient for attendance. The Cadastral/Property Parcel working group was renamed to Land Records working group. Ms. Brenda Decker, Office of the CIO, responded in favor to the NebraskaMAP Partners Committee and GIS Council's recommendation on state agency hosting versus private hosting.

NIROC III The Nebraska-Iowa Regional Orthophotography Consortium (NIROC) project is in the process of identifying entities and jurisdictions that want to be involved in oblique and ortho-imagery acquisition. The project is expected to start in July 2012.

Motions

Motions Carried:

- The December 7, 2011 minutes were approved as presented.
- Nominations and voting for Chair and Vice-Chair were completed as follows:
Chair – Mr. Jim Ohmberger, Office of the CIO
Vice-Chair: Mike Preston, Nebraska Geospatial Professional Association
- There was approval to assess and formalize the existing and potentially identify new GIS Council Working Groups. The assessment includes: establishing current mission, goals, needs, and desired outcomes; identify necessary members and their roles; frequency of meetings and timelines; and the communication and reporting process back to the council. An amendment was offered and accepted to include a name change for the Cadastral/Property Parcel Working Group to Land Records Working Group.

Motions Failed:

There were no motions that failed.

I. Roll Call and Quorum

Members Present: * <i>Authorized to Vote</i>	Members Absent:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * John Beran, State Surveyor * Chad Boshart, NEMA/Military Dept. * Karis Bowen, DHHS * Rose Braun, Department of Roads * Tim Cielocha, Public Power Districts * Nancy Cyr, Clerk of the Legislature * Eric Herbert, NACO * Les Howard, Conservation and Survey Div. – UNL * Mike Hybl, Public Service Commission * Josh Lear, Department of Natural Resources Jim Langtry, USGS * Jeff McReynolds, Lincoln Metro Area * John Miyoshi, NE Assoc. of Resource Districts * Jim Ohmberger, Office of the CIO * Sudhir Ponnapan, Game and Parks Commission * Mike Preston, NE Geospatial Professional Assoc. * Mike Schonlau, Member at Large <p><i>Italicized names are designees to council seats.</i></p>	<p>Lash Chaffin, League of Nebraska Municipalities Dick Clark, Governor's Policy Research Office Ruth Sorenson, Property Tax Administrator Paul Yamamoto, Department of Environmental Quality Paul Mullen, Omaha Metro Area</p>
NITC Representatives:	Nathan Watermeier, GIS Council Coordinator; Lori Lopez Urdiales, Office of the CIO
Public Visitors:	Dan Nichols, Dept. of Roads; Dan Erker, Infogroup; Jack Dohrman, GIS Workshop

I-III. General Meeting Formalities

Roll Call and Quorum	The Chair, Mr. Schonlau, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. There were seventeen members present at the time of roll call. A quorum (greater than 50% of voting members) existed to conduct official business.
Introduction of Audience Attendees	Public visitors were welcomed and were asked to introduce themselves if they wished. A list of visitors who wished to identify themselves as attending the meeting was collected and reported in the minutes.
Public Meetings Regulations and Posting of the Same	The meeting notice was posted to the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on December 7, 2011. The meeting agenda was posted on the GIS Council website January 4, 2012. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act information was posted in the room for interested persons to review.
Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting	The Chair, Mr. Schonlau asked if there were any suggested changes or clarifications to the previous meeting's minutes. There was no discussion or comments in regards to the minutes. Motion: Mr. McReynolds moved to approve the December 7, 2011 minutes as presented. Mr. Preston seconded. Roll call vote: Schonlau-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Ohmberger-Yes, Howard-Yes, Lear-Yes, Braun-Yes, Beran-Yes, Cyr-Yes, Ponnapan-Yes, Langtry-Yes, Miyoshi-Yes, Cielocha-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Bowen-Yes, Boshart-Yes, Hybl-Yes, Preston-Yes. Results: Yes-17, No-0, Abstain-0. Motion carried.

IV. GIS Council Membership Update

DISCUSSION	<p>GIS Council Membership: Mr. Watermeier shared a current list of GIS Council members, their designees, affiliation representation, expiration of terms, and the working groups that they represent. Nancy Cyr from the Clerk of the Legislature was introduced as a new member. She will be their representative to serve on the council. There are currently 4 vacancies on the council that have not been filled. These currently are one vacancy for Nebraska Association of County Officials and the other 3 vacancies for At Large seats. Mr. Watermeier asked the council to give consideration for geographic representation for the western portion of the state when seeking potential new members. It has been suggested to include representation from the Nebraska State Patrol, Education, smaller communities, additional public utilities and possibly the private sector. Mr. Watermeier will check to verify for expansion of seats and if the private sector can serve on the council. If members have recommendations, they were to get names to Mr. Watermeier.</p> <p>Mr. Watermeier will be work with the Governors Policy Research Office regarding membership issues: newly appointed positions, vacancies, discrepancies on term designations, as well as adequate representation for the Council. The following individuals have been recommended by the Council for reappointment by the Governor: Mr. Lash Chaffin, League of Nebraska Municipalities; Mr. John Miyoshi, Nebraska Association of Resource Districts; and Mr. Eric Herbert, Nebraska Association of County Officials.</p> <p>USGS Liaison for the GIS Council Ethics MOU Update: As a follow-up to the previous meeting the MOU has been signed by the Office of the CIO and sent to USGS. This action was imposed by USGS for federal employees to participate on state councils but will not have voting rights. The Office of the CIO has retained a copy for record.</p>
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ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE / DEADLINE
Meet with Governors Policy Office for council membership topics.	GIS Council Coordinator	February 1, 2012
Update GIS Council membership roster.	GIS Council Coordinator	February 1, 2012
Seek new potential council members and send to Mr. Watermeier.	All Council Members	March 7, 2012

V. Election of Officers

DISCUSSION	<p>A discussion occurred as to how to proceed with the election of officers since it has been some time since the last elections. The GIS Council Voting Policies and Procedures (as revised and adopted by the GIS Steering Committee on 7/15/99) states that the floor must be open to nominations, nominations need a second, motion needed to cease nominations, and nominations are subject to a vote by secret ballot. Voting by specific individuals appointed by Governor to the GIS Council and by state agency directors who are by statute members of the Council or their designee, by virtue of a designation letter. Names are to be read as ballots are opened. It is election of individuals, not agencies or their designees. Mr. Watermeier also handed out the roles and responsibilities as stated in statute and the council charter.</p> <p>The GIS Council operates under the revised statutes of Nebraska, 1943, Section 86 and the NITC GIS Council Charter. The establishment of an elected chairperson and other officers on the GIS Council are stated according to the statute:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">86-571. Committee; officers; advisory committees; meetings. <i>(1) The Geographic Information Systems Council shall elect a chairperson from its membership and such other officers as the council deems necessary.</i></p> <p>The role of the GIS Council Chair and Vice Chair is stated as follows according to the NITC GIS Council Charter with the Revised Charter Adopted by NITC on 11-15-2011:</p>
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7.1. Chair(s)

The elected Chair or Vice Chair will conduct the meetings of the GIS Council, oversee the establishment, operation and dissolution of committees, propose meeting agendas, and maintain the general operations of the Council. The Chair or Vice Chair of the GIS Council will serve one year terms, expiring on January 1.

Specific roles and responsibilities by the Chair and Vice-Chair are extrapolated from the statute and charter goals and objectives.

Discussion took place on the future format and timing of seeking nominations, elections, and possibility of the vice-chair moving into the chair position. In addition, if the change in the charter (7.1 Chair(s)) section on terms is still adequate for these positions to serve one year. It was originally recorded to be every two years. The suggestion was to have the GIS Coordinator gather information from the Governors Policy group and present at the next meeting. The election process will be discussed and appropriate motions to the charter may be expected to be voted on at the next meeting. For this meeting, elections were carried out with the current process as stated by the charter and voting policies and procedures.

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for the Chair position.

Mr. Miyoshi nominated Jeff McReynolds for Chair. Mr. Preston seconded.

Mr. Schonlau nominated Jim Ohmberger for Chair. Ms. Braun seconded.

Mr. Cielocha moved to cease nominations. Mr. Miyoshi seconded.

Secret ballots were distributed, gathered and then tallied. **The final vote counts are as follows: Mr. McReynolds – 7 and Mr. Ohmberger – 9. Jim Ohmberger was elected as the new 2012 Chair.**

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Mike Preston nominated himself through email prior to meeting. Mr. Miyoshi seconded.

Mr. Miyoshi nominated Tim Cielocha. Mr. Boshart seconded.

Ms. Bowen nominated Eric Herbert. Mr. Cielocha seconded.

Mr. Miyoshi moved to cease the nominations. Mr. Ponnapan seconded.

Secret ballots were distributed, gathered and then tallied. **The final vote counts are as follows: Mr. Preston – 6, Mr. Cielocha – 5, and Mr. Herbert – 5. Mike Preston was elected as the new Vice-Chair for 2012.**

Mr. Schonlau and Mr. McReynolds presided over the remainder of the meeting. Mr. Ohmberger and Mr. Preston will preside over the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE / DEADLINE
Carry forward discussion of elections for next meeting.	Next Council Meeting	February 1, 2012
Obtain information on council member term expirations and how it relates to timing for elections of officers.	GIS Council Coordinator	February 1, 2012

VI. Format for Future GIS Council Meetings

DISCUSSION	As the new GIS Council Coordinator and the OCIO GIS Administrative Manager, Mr. Watermeier addressed the council about several changes he would like to begin implementing through the next several meetings. He posed two questions for the council to consider through this process. Is the GIS Council meeting the needs for your state agency, organization and for Nebraska? Does the GIS Council meet the needs for NITC as setup by statute? He encouraged the council to revisit the Charter and NITC statute as it includes the mission, roles and responsibilities for council members. Particularly with the strategic planning process underway, he wanted to get several rudimentary house keeping efforts finalized with the council before focusing in on important directions for the council as a result of the strategic plan. Ultimately, it is up to the voting members of the council to decide on what is important and how to proceed on future topics and recommendations set forth at these meetings. The following is a summary of topics that were discussed in relationship to the GIS Council formation and future meetings.
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- Member Representation The Council has been traditionally a policy driven council with agency/department/organization directors representing the official seats at the meetings. Particularly for state agencies, those seats have moved towards alternate designees representing the agencies directors. There is nothing wrong with this approach as it is acceptable by statute and charter. As long as both the member and alternate are aware that key issues will be discussed and voted on at various meetings. It is important for members to be aware for the need of transparency and communication of issues between constituents and within agencies that they represent. With the assistance of all council members, the intention is to make the council stronger and to get the council's vacancies filled in the coming months. There was a question as how to get members who have been absent for past meetings to come to meeting and follow-up with those after meetings on critical information. A suggestion was to invite Ms. Brenda Decker, Office of the CIO, to be at the next meeting to discuss agency director's representation, especially now with the strategic planning process and potential impacts on all state agencies. In addition, Mr. Watermeier will make connections with those who missed meetings to fill them in on critical information in preparation for the next meeting. The method will either be through email and/or phone depending on level of importance.
- Communications and Meeting Discussions There was discussion about getting more member discussion at the meetings. It was encouraged to ask questions at any time a member was unfamiliar with a discussion or the topic at hand. Some members felt the group was broad and it represents different levels of technical capabilities. In some cases, it was suggested that the working groups would be a better vehicle to sort out many of the discussions and present recommendations to the GIS Council. It was important that technical topics be addressed in a way that most council members could understand and support both policy and technical aspects to the recommendations being suggested. With new members coming on it would be especially helpful for a new member packet. This packet would include resource such as the NITC statute and GIS Council charter to know the roles and responsibilities of council members. The packet would also include glossary of common geospatial terms, working group summaries, and other FAQs. In order to facilitate future council membership representation from western Nebraska, Mr. Watermeier will explore options for use of video conferencing at meetings as the needs arises.
- Meeting Presentations by Council Members Beginning with the February meeting, Mr. Watermeier would like members to provide a presentation about their agency or organization and those constituents that you represent. This would give members a better idea of the council's representation as well as learn more about the members. Mr. Watermeier will develop a presentation template for members to follow. A minimum set of slides will be uniform in all the presentations that will cover: overview of your organization/agency and the constituents that you represent, key initiatives and activities, challenges and barriers, and examples of collaboration and involvement with the GIS Council working groups. The following members have volunteered at the meeting:
 - February - Mike Preston, Nebraska Geospatial Professional Organization
 - March - Jeff McReynolds, Lincoln Metro Area
 - May or June – Mike Hybl, Public Service Commission
- Minutes A new format will be planned for reporting minutes. The minutes will serve as a communication tool in tracking motions, timelines, and those responsible for key action items. Members who are not in attendance will be listed in the minutes as required by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. The minutes will be formatted to include key summaries and motions together in the front of the document for easier use in finding information.
- Meeting Room Setup The room arrangement for conducting the meeting was prepared in a new layout. It allowed all council members to see each other. This layout will continue for all meetings. New name tents were created to update representation of changing council members.
- Working Groups It was suggested to provide some thought on the current and potentially new working groups as a result of the outcomes of the strategic plan. It was suggested to evaluate the current working groups and the relevance to their direction and scope to meeting needs of the GIS Council. Additional discussion on working groups is recorded in part VIII of these minutes.
- Meeting Frequency The Chair and Vice-Chair were involved in discussion about changing the frequency of the meetings. Although in statute, the GIS Council is required to hold a

minimum of four meetings a year. Due to the strategic planning it was decided to continue to meet monthly as originally planned.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE / DEADLINE
Invite Ms. Brenda Decker to next meeting.	GIS Council Coordinator	February 1, 2012
Follow-up with Council Members absent from meeting.	GIS Council Coordinator	February 1, 2012
Evaluate video conferencing capabilities to assist new council members with travel limitations.	GIS Council Coordinator	February 1, 2012
Prepare resources for new Council Members packet.	GIS Council Coordinator	April 4, 2012
Develop slate of GIS Council member presentations for remainder of 2012.	GIS Council Coordinator	February 1, 2012
Send out PowerPoint template for GIS Council member presentations.	GIS Council Coordinator	February 1, 2012
Develop new minutes template for future meetings.	GIS Council Coordinator Meeting Recorder	February 1, 2012

VII. Nebraska Geospatial Strategic Planning

DISCUSSION	<p>Prior to this meeting, there were 93 responses to the online strategic planning survey. This is after only one and half days since launching the survey. It has not been sent to all email lists by members but it will be sent within the next few days. It was encouraged that each council member complete the survey. Another email is planned in a few weeks as a reminder for the survey but also encouraging registrations for the upcoming workshops.</p> <p>The strategic planning workshop locations have been reserved and will be held at the following locations, dates and times: Omaha - February 7, 8:30-11:30 am, Douglas-Omaha Civic Center Grand Island – February 8, 8:30-11:30 am, City Hall Lincoln – February 8, 2:00-5:00 pm, City of Lincoln Municipal Services Center Norfolk – February 9, 8:30-11:30 am, NECC Lifelong Learning Center Gering – February 21, 8:30-11:30 am, Gering Civic Center North Platte – February 22, 8:30-11:30 am, Sandhills Convention Center</p> <p>The proposed workshop registration information and agenda was also sent out with the email notification. Mr. Watermeier will be attending all six regional workshops and he invited GIS Council members to attend any or as many of the workshops as possible. The Planning Committee meets regularly and will be having a meeting in the coming week to prepare for the presentation and framework for summarizing survey results.</p> <p>The grant has additional funding to support a half day or day-long GIS Council Retreat focusing on strategic planning. It was recommended to have the GIS Council members and state agency directors as the target audience. It was recommended to have a third party facilitate the retreat. Information gathered from the survey and workshops would be summarized prior to this retreat and used as a vehicle to set-up appropriate discussions. By group consensus, the council agreed to move forward on having a retreat for this effort. The council moved this discussion to the Strategic Planning Committee for follow up and reporting at the next meeting. It was strongly suggested to get the date scheduled on agency Director's calendars as soon as possible.</p>
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ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE / DEADLINE
Complete Online Strategic Planning Survey	GIS Council Members	February 1, 2012
Complete Registration for attending at least one workshop	GIS Council Members	February 1, 2012

Forward on the survey and awareness of workshops to the constituents that council members represent.	GIS Council Members	February 1, 2012
Develop plans and meeting time for GIS Council and state agency directors retreat.	Strategic Planning Committee	February 1, 2012

Mr. Hybl left the meeting.

VIII. Status of Working Groups

DISCUSSION

Through the NITC GIS Council charter (5.2.8), the council can establish ad hoc advisory groups or subcommittees to study and make recommendations on specific topics. There are currently four working groups active, and include:

- Nebraska Geospatial Data Sharing and Web Services Network
- Street Centerline-Address Database
- Cadastral/Property Parcel
- Imagery

It has been quite a while since the council has reviewed the working group's outcomes. With the strategic planning process underway it was important to have some transparency between the working groups and the strategic planning process. Outcomes from the strategic plan could result in modifications to existing and new working groups to be formed. The overall consensus of the council was to continue with the currently established working groups but evaluate the current status of all the working groups. This would be accomplished by reviewing the following: purpose, needs, goals and outcomes; appointment of working group members and who should be involved; frequency of working group meetings; timelines to accomplish objectives; communication and reporting structure back to the GIS Council for motions, votes and acceptance of recommendations. The GIS Council's role is to review recommendations from the working groups in a timely manner and act on changes or necessary motions that support overall direction of GIS Council charter and NITC statute. This approach will take on a more formal process when recommendations are presented by the working groups to the GIS Council for action in upcoming meetings. To help facilitate the process, the GIS Council Coordinator will gather summaries from each of the current working groups in preparation for discussion at the next meeting.

The following were discussions on the working groups:

- Meeting Frequency Some working groups need to meet more often than others dependent on the council's needs. Some need a revised meeting schedule.
- Charters for Working Groups The NebraskaMAP is an outcome of the Nebraska Geospatial Data Sharing and Web Service Network working group and has been chartered and approved by the NITC. Should other working group's develop a charter for their outcomes to be approved by the NITC?
- Communication / Reporting The GIS Council Coordinator historically chairs the working groups. The consensus was to continue this process. Mr. Watermeier suggested that each working group has a designated meeting recorder who would also be a council member. Each working group would have the same recording process in it's documentation and reporting process. This would also allow the actual recorder of the working group to bring forward recommendations to the GIS Council at future council meetings. To keep up with timelines and travel logistics of the working groups, it was suggested to utilize web and/or teleconferencing options to facilitate future meetings. Mr. Watermeier will be sending out a spreadsheet of work groups and membership to the council members to verify their work group membership, as well as to indicate any other work groups they may have interest in participating.
- Nomenclature for Working Groups Through various reported minutes and working group notes the words, "working groups" and "committee" have been interchanged. It was suggested to use working group for the name to keep it consistent in future correspondence. The GIS Council can still create committees – similar to the formation of the Strategic Planning Committee. It was pointed out there was a recommendation made in 2011 to change the Cadastral/Property Parcel Work Group to Land Records working group but it is still being listed with the old name.

Motion: Mr. McReynolds moved to assess and formalize the existing and potentially identify new GIS

Council Working Groups. The assessment includes: establishing current mission, goals, needs, and desired outcomes; identify necessary members and their roles; frequency of meetings and timelines; and the communication and reporting process back to the council. Mr. Ponnapan seconded. An amendment was offered to include a name change for the Cadastral/Property Parcel Working Group to Land Records Working Group. Mr. McReynolds accepted the amendment. Roll call vote: Schonlau-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Ohmberger-Yes, Howard-Yes, Lear-Yes, Braun-Yes, Beran-Yes, Cyr-Yes, Ponnapan-Yes, Langtry-Abstained, Miyoshi-Yes, Cielocha-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Bowen-Yes, Boshart-Yes, Hybl-(Not present at time of vote), Preston-Yes. **Results: Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-1. Motion carried.**

Nebraska Geospatial Data Sharing and Web Services Network The Chair reported that a response was received from Ms. Brenda Decker, Office of the CIO, in response to the NebraskaMAP Partners Committee and GIS Council's recommendation on state agency hosting versus private hosting. The recommendation stated, *"The primary responsibility for hosting and support of the NebraskaMAP – an enterprise-level GIS/geospatial data sharing and services network – should remain within a state agency, as opposed to relying solely upon privately owned and managed sites to provide this critical data sharing service."* Ms. Decker indicated that she accepted in favor of the recommendation and notified GIS Workshop to this effect.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE / DEADLINE
Prepare the most recent working group summaries and member rosters and send to GIS Council members for review.	GIS Council Coordinator	February 1, 2012
Research web and teleconference capabilities for working group meetings.	GIS Council Coordinator	February 1, 2012
Use new nomenclature of <i>"working group"</i> and use Land Records in place of Cadastral/Property Parcel for the current working groups.	GIS Coordinator and Council Members	Ongoing

IX. NIROC III

DISCUSSION The Nebraska-Iowa Regional Orthophotography Consortium (NIROC) project is in the process of identifying entities and jurisdictions that want to be involved in the next phase for imagery acquisition. Imagery will include oblique and ortho-imagery. Counties that have expressed interest so far include Douglas, Sarpy, Lancaster, Pottawattamie, Washington, Parts of Dodge, City of Fremont, Mills County, City of Columbus, and Wayne County. There are discussions going on at the moment regarding options including imagery resolution and other deliverables. The RFP process is starting to seek a vendor or several for this process. It is anticipated that the project will start in July.

On a side note, an updated was provided by Mr. Langtry on the USDA FSA NAIP project. He indicated that the one meter leaf-on aerial acquisition will be done in 2012. The parameter requirements to do higher resolution need to be confirmed by end of January 2012 and that it had to include the entire state. Mr. Langtry will need to have confirmation by end of the month if anyone is interested.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE / DEADLINE
Share important updates on formation and release of RFP for NIROC III project.	Mr. Schonlau	Ongoing
Share updates on USDA FSA NAIP imagery acquisition interest for 2012.	Mr. Langtry	February 1, 2012

X. Invitation for Public Comment from Attendees

COMMENTS	Dan Nichols from the Materials and Research Division of Department of Roads introduced himself and was interested in discussions that would benefit the Department of Roads. Ms. Braun invited him to attend the GIS meeting.
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XI. Updates from Member Agencies

COMMENTS	<p>Members were given an opportunity to share updates and informational items from their agencies. It was suggested to move this item to the beginning of the agenda to help open up discussion by the various agencies and organizations represented on the council. The council member presentations were also a good way to share information as noted in the earlier discussion. No concerted motion or action was taken at the meeting to move this section earlier in the meeting. It will be followed up with discussions at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Department of Health and Human Services along with local health departments will be meeting to discuss various aspects to GIS implications and use in the health and human services arena.</p> <p>The ESRI Lincoln Omaha Area Users Group (LOAG) will be meeting February 8 in Lincoln in the morning and in Omaha in the afternoon. Make sure to register online at ESRI.</p> <p>The USGS Topo maps are about 99% completed.</p> <p>The City of Omaha has updated SnowOPs. The snow removal operation and planning system is also web based.</p>
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ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE / DEADLINE
Evaluate agenda placement for updates from member agencies.	Council Members	February 1, 2012

Meeting Conclusion

Adjournment	With no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be February 1, 2012, 1:00-3:30 p.m. at the Nebraska Department of Roads - Main Auditorium, 1500 Nebraska Hwy 2, Lincoln Nebraska.

Meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by Nathan Watermeier of the Office of the CIO/NITC.