

GIS Council Meeting Minutes

March 7, 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

Old Business Ms. Decker will be rescheduled to attend the April 4 GIS Council meeting. GIS Council Statute and Charter changes will be sent to Governor's Policy Research Office and also to NITC Council for approval.

Working Group Discussions Each of the four working groups reported on their current status. Permanent spokespersons still need to be identified for the street centerline-address and data sharing and web services working groups. The imagery working group met and have outlined goals and deliverables to start working on. Land records is working with an initial group to work on a data model. The NebraskaMAP group will be meeting later in March. The street centerline-address group is working with an initial group and researching examples from other states.

GIS Council Member Presentation A presentation was provided by Mike Schonlau, GIS Council Member At Large presenting on behalf of the City of Omaha/Douglas County.

Updates from Member Agencies A large part of the meeting was spent on updates by all the GIS Council members respective agencies and associations.

Nebraska Geospatial Strategic Planning The strategic planning committee and Applied Geographics, Inc. are underway with writing the strategic plan. A SWOT analysis was presented. The committee will be meeting throughout March to develop vision and strategic goal statements from outcomes of the planning process to date. A follow-up planning meeting with GIS Council members and other agency/association directors is also being planned in coming months.

National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) Mr. Watermeier and Mr. Langtry attended the recent NSGIC mid-year meeting. There are several federal projects that were discussed with national standards, resources, and ways to partner on various geospatial data projects. When the presentations get posted they will be sent out to the GIS Council.

GIS Council Membership The Nebraska State Patrol was welcomed as a new member. Additional nominations were sent on for recommendations to the other open seat for NACO. There will be an additional three open seats on the council that need filled. Send nominations to Mr. Watermeier.

NIROC III Agreements will soon be finalized for this year's imagery acquisition coordinated by MAPA. If you are interested to please contact Paul Mullen or Mike Schonlau.

Motions

Motions Carried:

- The February 1, 2012 minutes were approved as presented.

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"> * <i>John Beran</i>, State Surveyor * <i>Chad Boshart</i>, NEMA/Military Dept. * <i>Karis Bowen</i>, DHHS * <i>Rose Braun</i>, Department of Roads * Lash Chaffin, League of Nebraska Municipalities * Tim Cielocha, Public Power Districts * Dick Clark, Governor’s Policy Research Office * <i>Eric Herbert</i>, NACO * <i>Les Howard</i>, Conservation and Survey Div. – UNL * <i>Tom Lamberson</i>, Dept. of Environmental Quality Jim Langtry, USGS * <i>Josh Lear</i>, Department of Natural Resources * Jeff McReynolds, Lincoln Metro Area * Paul Mullen, Omaha Metro Area * <i>Jim Ohmberger</i>, Office of the CIO * <i>Sudhir Ponnapan</i>, Game and Parks Commission * Mike Preston, NE Geospatial Professional Assoc. * Mike Schonlau, Member at Large * <i>Sue Vanicek</i>, Public Service Commission <p><i>Italicized names are designees to council seats.</i></p>	<p>John Miyoshi, NE Assoc. of Resource Districts <i>Nancy Cyr</i>, Clerk of the Legislature <i>Ruth Sorenson</i>, Property Tax Administrator</p>
NITC Representatives:	Nathan Watermeier, GIS Council Coordinator; Lori Lopez Urdiales, Office of the CIO
Public Visitors:	Dan Nichols, Neb. Dept. of Roads; Dan Erker, InfoGroup; Suzy Fredrickson, Neb. State Patrol; Chad Kudym, GIS Workshop; Jack Dohrman, GIS Workshop.

I-III. General Meeting Formalities (continued)	
Roll Call and Quorum	The newly elected Chair, Mr. Ohmberger, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. There were 19 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. Visitors who wished to identify themselves as attending the meeting were to sign the visitor log and their name and affiliation would be reported in the minutes.
Public Meetings Regulations and Posting of the Same	The meeting notice was posted to the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on January 4, 2012. The meeting agenda was posted on the GIS Council website March 2, 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. Ohmberger 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. Mullen moved to approve the February 1, 2012 minutes as presented. Mr. Chaffin seconded. Roll call vote: Ohmberger-Yes, Preston-Yes, Howard-Abstain, Clark-Abstain, Boshart-Yes, Beran-Yes, Otte-Abstain, Ponnapan-Yes, Mullen-Yes, Vanicek-Abstain, Cielocha-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Chaffin-Yes, Lear-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, and Langtry-Yes. Results: Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-4. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business

DISCUSSION	<p>OCIO UPDATE. Due to a time conflict, Brenda Decker was not available to provide the OCIO update. The update will be on next month’s meeting agenda.</p> <p>Ms.Braun arrived to the meeting.</p> <p>GIS COUNCIL CHARTER AND VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. Mr. Watermeier will be meeting with the Policy Research Office to discuss the GIS Council charter and statute changes. The Voting Policies and Procedures have been updated per the Council’s recommendations.</p>
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V. Working Group Discussions

DISCUSSION	<p>Nebraska Geospatial Data Sharing and Web Services Network Working Group. Mr. Boshart will be scheduling a working group meeting before the next GIS Council meeting. No permanent spokesperson has been identified.</p> <p>Street Centerline Address Database Working Group. Ms. Vanicek reported that an initial group will be meeting and that she will be working with Mr. Watermeier to set up a meeting. No permanent spokesperson has been identified.</p> <p>Land Records Working Group. Mr. Herbert has been designated as the spokesperson. Mr. Herbert has made contact with the members via email. The active number of members is much less than the original membership list. It is a small core group of about 6-7 persons. Originally, the group was much larger due to working on the development of the standard. Discussions have focused on what the data model should include but now the work group needs to begin developing the model. The next meeting will be a working meeting to develop the model.</p> <p>Mr. Lamberson arrived.</p> <p>Imagery Working Group. Mr. Schonlau has been designated as the spokesperson. All members, past and current, were contacted via email. The work group met on February 24th. They identified potential members and defined the following purpose and goals. The purpose of the working group is to serve as a technical working group on all relevant geospatial aspects related to imagery acquisition and use in Nebraska as it relates to the mission of the GIS Council. Imagery includes, but is not limited to, aerial, satellite, and scanned photos/maps as raster formats for imagery. This includes historical, current, and future acquisitions of imagery.</p> <p>The working group has defined five key goals.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Digitizing guidelines 2) Acquisition guidelines 3) Acquisition opportunities 4) Data sharing 5) Statewide coverage <p>This working group will further define issues and specifications as it relates to the five key goals and make recommendations to the GIS Council to assist in making decisions.</p> <p>Working Groups were reminded that spokespersons must be designated to report back to the Council. Working Groups were asked to meet prior to the next meeting and bring forth their spokespersons and the working group’s purpose and goals. The OCIO can create mailing lists for the working groups and will develop a website for the working groups to post their progress.</p>
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ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE / DEADLINE
Identify permanent spokespersons for Street Centerline Address and NebraskaMAP	Temporary Spokespersons / GIS Coordinator	April 4, 2012

Provide updated reports and recommendations to next GIS Council Meeting	Working Group Spokespersons	April 4, 2012
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VI. GIS Council Member Presentation

COMMENTS

Mike Schonlau, Member At Large, City of Omaha/Douglas County, provide the member presentation for the March meeting. The presentation is located at <http://nitc.ne.gov/gisc/mtgs/docs/3-7-12/GISCouncilOmahaDouglasCounty32012.pdf>.

Ms. Bowen arrived to the meeting.

VII. Updates from Members Agencies

DISCUSSION

As requested by the GIS Council, this was moved up in the meeting agenda in order to provide members more opportunity for questions. Mr. Watermeier praised everyone for their reports and was beneficial for those all in attendance to learn more about what everyone is doing.

City of Lincoln/Lancaster County. Mr. McReynolds reported that they are looking at AVL (Automated Vehicle Locator) efforts.

NEMA. Mr. Boshart reported that the agency is preparing for their move in July.

MAPA (Metropolitan Area Planning Agency). Mr. Mullen reported that NIROC (Nebraska Iowa Regional Ortho Council) is moving forward with 2013 imagery. The City of Omaha will be heading the project and is currently working on getting agreements signed. Agreement will be due very soon.

Public Service Commission. Ms. Vanicek reported that the agency has been updating the data for the broadband map and it is anticipated to be completed by mid-April.

Department of Roads. Ms. Braun informed the Council that there will be a GIS-T in Transportation Conference <http://www.gis-t.org/>, April 16-18, in Loveland, Colorado. The conference is hosted by the State Departments of Transportation and there is a large presence of federal agencies. Members were asked to contact her if they were interested.

Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Lear reported that the agency is improving their webpage in regards to ortho-imagery to provide more descriptive information. Metadata will be available and will include links to other information sources. The LiDAR business case is in draft form. The staff person who was working on the business case but has been reassigned to another project.

Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Bowen reported that the agency is working with cancer collaboration projects with other states. The agency's website is being updating. Efforts are continue with local health departments to familiarize them to the GIS Council. Mr. Watermeier noted that at the regional forums the county health departments had positive remarks about DHHS role and bringing county/regional public health departments on board with GIS.

Conservation and Survey Division. Mr. Howard reported that the 2011 Ground Level Reports have been completed. It had been reported that the website had broken links so the website is being updated.

NACO (Nebraska Association of County Officials). Mr. Herbert report that ESRI has completed the Sarpy County portion of the 2010 NIROC imagery.

State Surveyor. Mr. Beran reported that the agency has been working on digitizing land records for Board of Educational Land Funds.

Department of Environmental Quality. Mr. Lamberson reported that due to health issues, Mr. Yamamoto will not be attending GIS Council for a while and will be working on a part-time basis.

GIS/LIS Association. Mr. Preston reported that nominations are being taken to serve on the board. Elections will be held in April. The Annual Meeting <http://www.gislis.org/annual.html> will be held May 22 in Norfolk, Nebraska. Members were asked to contact him for nominations for officer and board openings.

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Mr. Ponnapan reported that he is getting GIS assistance from the OCIO in regards to maintaining NebraskaMAP.

Nebraska Public Power. Mr. Cielocha reported that the agency is looking at launching a website that their wholesalers can access to report new facilities or changes in facilities. They are currently getting data sharing agreements from the other public powers.

Nebraska State Patrol. Lt. Otte reported that the biggest update is that the Nebraska State Patrol has been asked to serve on the GIS Council. Lt. John Kraii and Suzy Hendrickson will be alternates.

VIII. Nebraska Geospatial Strategic Planning

DISCUSSION Mr. Watermeier distributed the GIS/Geospatial Strategic Planning Update, March 7, 2012 report <http://nitc.ne.gov/gisc/workgroups/StrPlan/NEGISStrategicPlanUpdate3.7.2012.pdf> It contained updated information about the regional planning workshops and upcoming plans of the committee. A SWOT analysis was completed and Mr. Watermeier spent the majority of the discussions on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats identified to date.

Next steps:

- Strategic Planning Report: Applied Geographics, Inc. is currently working on developing the final report. The Strategic Planning Committee will be conducting 3 working group meetings prior to the April 4th, GIS Council meeting. They will be developing a draft vision and strategic goals summary from information obtained through the survey and workshops. Members were invited to attend and participate in the working meetings to be scheduled March 12 & 19, and April 2 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Office of the CIO. Members were to inform Mr. Watermeier if they plan to attend.
- Additional Agency Meetings. Mr. Watermeier is continuing meetings with various state agencies as follow-up for additional information towards the strategic plan. Another informal workshop will be conducted in Kearney in late March or early April with local government officials.
- Strategic Planning Retreat: Purpose is to provide the GIS Council members, designees and key agency GIS staff an opportunity for final input before the strategic planning report is completed. Those agencies and organization that are listed in the member statue will also be invited (including state agency directors, association directors, etc.). The group suggested a one-day agenda targeted in Mid-May with a lunch catered.

Members were asked to get dates that don't work well for them in May to Mr. Watermeier. The Planning Committee members encourage the GIS Council members to provide input and feedback back at any time. The plan needs the Council's involvement, support and buy-in to reach its goals and objectives. Mr. Ohmberger acknowledged Mr. Watermeier for his work and efforts.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE / DEADLINE
Strategic Plan Vision and Strategic Goals Draft	Strategic Planning Committee	April 4, 2012

IX. National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC)

DISCUSSION NSGIC held their mid-year conference, February 27-March 1st which was attended by Mr. Watermeier and Mr. Langtry. Mr. Watermeier remarked that various council members are welcomed to be involved in upcoming

meetings at NSGIC. This is a national council that pulls together local, state, and federal entities to meet for discussion and information sharing surrounding geospatial topics. All states work differently and are struggling with the some of the same issues as Nebraska. Some states have GIS staff and some have none. There were lots of discussions about “For the Nation Initiatives”. He will write up a summary report of the conference and send to members.

Mr. Langtry stated that “For the Nation Initiatives” are not federal programs but are constructed for all entities to use. The Transportation for the Nation initiative has been developed a strategic plan and it is available on-line. The federal government is working to get federally funded so states are not burden with the cost of highway performance monitoring systems. The Census Bureau has 5 pilot projects for address data sets and are developing models that can be shared nationwide. Mr. Langtry will provide a written conference report and submit to Mr. Watermeier.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE / DEADLINE
Summary and resources from NSGIC mid-year meeting	GIS Coordinator	April 4, 2012

X. GIS Council Membership Update

COMMENTS An updated member list was distributed. The Nebraska State Patrol was welcomed as a new member. The changes will need to be submitted at the next NITC Council meeting to be official. There are still 4 vacant seats on the council. Recommendations were given to NACO and they are currently being reviewed. The remainder of the nominations and additional nominations by the next meeting will be discussed for further consideration at the next meeting. GIS Council members were urged to send in additional nominations for the remainder 3 open seats.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE / DEADLINE
Nominations and Recommendations of Open Seats	GIS Council Members / GIS Coordinator	April 4, 2012

XI. NIROC III

COMMENTS Mr. Mullen has provided a report earlier in the meeting. Mr. Schonlau added that now is the time to participate in the project since agreements are being signed and collected right now. Western State Contract Allowance will be bidding out the contract to conduct the project. It is anticipated that other states will be allowed to buy off the contract. This may not be in place until next year.

XII. Invitation for Public Comment from Attendees

COMMENTS There was no public comment.

Meeting Conclusion	
Adjournment	Mr. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McReynolds seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was ended at 3:00 p.m.
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be April 4, 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.