

GIS COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Nebraska Dept. of Roads- Main Auditorium
1500 Nebraska Hwy 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

ROLL CALL PRESENT (authorized to vote*):

Chad Boshart	*	NEMA
Rose Braun	*	Dept. of Roads
Lash Chaffin	*	League of Municipalities
Tim Cielocha	*	Public Power
Eric Herbert	*	NACO
Les Howard	*	Conservation and Survey Division – UNL
Jim Langtry	*	USGS
Josh Lear	*	Dept. of Natural Resources
Jeff McReynolds	*	City of Lincoln/Lancaster County
John Miyoshi	*	NARD
Jim Ohmberger	*	Office of the CIO
Sudhir Ponnapan	*	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Mike Preston	*	GIS Professional Organization
Mike Schonlau	*	Douglas County/Omaha – At Large Rep
Paul Yamamoto	*	Dept. of Environmental Quality

Others Present:

Larry Zink, GIS Council Coordinator; Lori Lopez Urdiales, Office of the CIO/NITC; Jerry Lawson, Douglas County GI; Joe Eckmann, Dan Erker, Infogroup, Marcus Tooze, GIS Workshop; Karin Callahan, UNL Calmit; and Suzy Frederickson, Nebraska State Patrol

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF AUDIENCE ATTENDEES

Mr. Schonlau called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. There were 15 voting members at the time of roll call. A quorum existed to conduct official business. It was announced that the meeting notice was posted to the [Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar](#) on July 5, 2010 and that the meeting agenda was posted on GIS Council website on March 31, 2011.

PUBLIC MEETINGS REGULATIONS AND POSTING OF THE SAME

It was noted by Mr. Schonlau that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the front of the room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 3/12/2011 MEETING

Mr. Reynolds moved [approval of minutes from 3/2/11 meeting](#) as presented. Mr. Preston seconded. The motion was [approved unanimously on a roll call vote](#).

GIS COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Mr. Zink informed the Council that he has submitted his resignation to Brenda Decker, State CIO. Mr. Zink indicated to the extent practically possible, he will try to facilitate a smooth transition to his replacement. Mr. Zink noted that his letter of resignation is to be effective two months after a replacement is hired. Mr. Zink also noted however that one caveat to that transition timeline is that fact that he will be looking for other employment opportunities and that may require him to leave earlier. Mr. Zink indicated that has enjoyed working with the GIS Council over the last 18 years and is certainly leaving with mixed feelings.

Mr. Zink indicated that a major factor in his decision to resign was a desire to find a way to continue to support and develop the GIS enterprise-level shared services embodied in the NebraskaMAP project. Mr. Zink noted that when the NebraskaMAP Project was initiated about three years ago, under the GIS Council's auspices, there was a fairly common assumption that someone with a fairly high level of technical skills would be hired to work with him to support this enterprise service. The current state

budget crunch has made it very difficult to find the funding to support such a new position in the OCIO. Mr. Zink also noted that he has been and remains very supportive of the Council's initiative to develop these GIS shared services. Mr. Zink indicated that the last 9 months have been very frustrating for him personally and professionally, as he has sought to find ways to continue support for this shared services effort, in the context of the current budget situation.

Mr. Zink indicated that in the end, he has decided to resign to take a needed break and in the hopes that someone can be hired to fill his position that will have both the people/policy coordination skills that he felt he brought to the position and the technical skills needed to support and further develop the desired GIS shared services. Mr. Zink further noted that he felt that the GIS Council members were probably the best recruitment source in terms of knowing people with that mix of skills that would be good for the position. He urged the Council members to work with the OCIO to help recruit and recommend talented people to fill this position.

Mr. Schonlau thanked Mr. Zink for his work and dedication to the GIS Council and wished him well.

NEBRASKAMAP UPDATE

Updated Goals and Objectives. Mr. Zink provided the GIS Council with a working draft of updated Goals and Objectives for the NebraskaMAP Project that has been developed by the NebraskaMAP Partnership Committee. This effort to update NebraskaMAP objectives was stimulated by two circumstances: 1) the end of the initial two-year pilot project funding and the current lack of technical lead for the project, and 2) the request by Ms. Decker, CIO, and the GIS Council that the NebraskaMAP Committee review and make recommendations on a proposal by GIS Workshop related to the NebraskaMAP. After receiving the GIS Workshop proposal to maintain NebraskaMAP, Ms. Decker requested that the NebraskaMAP Work Group review the proposal and make a recommendation to the GIS Council. The NebraskaMAP Committee decided that prior to making any recommendations relative to the GIS Workshop proposal, it was timely to step back a bit and review and revise as necessary the objectives of the project in light of what has been accomplished and the currently available resources. This draft listing of goals and objectives is the first product of that process. At their next meeting on April 14th, which will be held at the City of Lincoln offices, more specific timelines will be discussed. The work group will conduct an informational presentation at the GIS Symposium.

State Records Board Grant Application. The State Records Board now has more funding available for projects. The application deadline is April 20th. Mr. Zink noted that when the funding mix was initially developed for the NebraskaMAP pilot project, two \$25,000 grants from the State Records Board was envisioned. One \$25,000 State Records Board grant was received and the State Records Board indicated that it would consider a second grant depending upon the progress of the project. In the intervening period, the state budget crunch occurred and the State Records Board stopped awarding additional grants. The State Records Board has recently decided to resume the awarding of grants. The Council has before it a conceptual overview of a potential grant application by the OCIO for further funding of the NebraskaMAP Project. Between now and the April 20th grant deadline, the NebraskaMAP Committee will have the opportunity to meet again and further refine this potential grant application. The proposed grant funding would focus on software maintenance costs and costs associated with hosting, and technical support. If possible, a letter from the GIS Council in support of the OCIO grant application would probably be helpful.

Mr. McReynolds moved to support the OCIO submission of the State Records Board Grant application and to provide a letter of support from the GIS Council. Mr. Chaffin seconded.

A question was raised as to how many hits the NebraskaMAP website has had since its launch. There has not been a study done. Mr. Schonlau and Mr. McReynolds both indicated that they felt at this point the data would be skewed due the lack of public awareness. The work group sees great potential for NebraskaMAP. NebraskaMAP had two phases. Part 1 was the development of a the basic framework and the metadata portal. Work is still needed here to get the required metadata developed by participating partners. Part 2 is to provide online GIS services. A few initial services have been developed and are now available, such as a geocoding service, a statewide FSA imagery services, and a street centerline-address data service. There is considerable potential for additional services development, but this is a challenge without a technical lead. The project is now needs to move to a

marketing stage and need the participation of entities to login and provide data or a link or point of contact to get that data for local and/or statewide information. Without a Project Director and now with Mr. Zink's resignation, the marketing plan is be addressed by the NebraskaMAP Work Group. There is community consensus and support for NebraskaMAP.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

The subcommittees had not met since the last GIS Council meeting. There was no report for the following subcommittees: Imagery, Cadastral/Property Parcel and Street Centerline-Address Databases.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE BUREAU DOCKETS RELATED TO GIS

[Standards and Guidelines for GIS Data for E911](#), [Prepared Remarks for PSC Workshop 1-26-11 on GIS Data Standards](#), and [PSC Order Relating to Hearing on Standards and Guidelines](#)

Mr. Hybil was not present to report. Mr. Zink reported that the Street Centerline-Address Advisory Committee's recommended that an "update field" be specified on every street segment and that it was clear in the most recent communication that he had received from the PSC as to whether this would be adopted by the PSC in its final order. Mr. Zink indicated that from his participation in the PSC Workshop on this issue, that both of the vendors who create and maintain this data for the counties and PSC already maintain this data, it is just not uploaded to the PSC GIS Data Repository. Mr. Tooze, GIS workshop indicated that it was his understanding that this recommendation was going to be accepted by the PSC, but that he had not yet seen the final order.

NEBRASKA GEOSPATIAL STRATEGIC PLANNING

([Strategic Planning Guidelines](#) and [Strategic Planning Process Map](#))

Mr. Zink reported that due to his resignation, he had serious concerns and reservations about releasing a strategic planning RFP at this point. Mr. Zink indicated that his concern was focused on the possible situation where he might take another position before someone else was hired and the potential lack of support to help oversee and assist consultants in a strategic planning process. Mr. Zink also noted that the current time limit on the grant funds is due to end on December 31, 2011. While it is possible to get an extension, we have already received two extensions and so it is definitely not a given. Mr. Zink recommended that instead, the Council dedicated itself to a focused effort to work with him while he remained in this position to do an internal strategic planning process.

There were concerns expressed regarding the RFP and the need for strategic planning. The monies been already been awarded to the OCIO on behalf of the GIS Council. Some members did not want to delay the process again. Mr. Zink was asked about the current state of the RFP development process. Mr. Zink indicated that it was fairly far along, but that there was still work to be done. A significant snag was trying to determine how to marry the pretty open RFP structure that the Council indicated it wanted to pursue, with sufficient specifics that would provide an acceptable basis for evaluating and ranking the various proposals. It was suggested to form another work group to work on the RFP but it was determined that another work group may be too time consuming for members already involved in other Council work group. Mr. Zink stated that the CIO would be open to discussions with co-chairs regarding the RFP.

Mr. Chaffin left the meeting.

Ms. Braun moved that the Mr. Schonlau, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Zink and Mr. Ohmberger, meet with the CIO to move forward with the RFP and discuss OCIO administrative support. Mr. Cielocha seconded. Discussion followed regarding the CIO's potential responses as well as the possibility of no administrative support from the OCIO.

Ms. Braun amended her motion.

Ms. Braun moved that the Mr. Schonlau, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Zink and Mr. Ohmberger, meet with the CIO to move forward with the RFP, discuss OCIO administrative support, and if there is no administrative

support to give the Mr. Schonlau the authority to decide to not move forward on the RFP. Mr. Cielocha seconded. The motion was approved unanimously on a [roll call vote](#).

NEBRASKA GIS SYMPOSIUM

Mr. Herbert is the Chair for this year's GIS Symposium. He reported that the symposium still needs some more presenters for the flash discussions, as well as session moderators. Members were asked to contact him if they were interested in volunteering. As of today, 230 attendees have registered and there are approximately 24 exhibitors.

STREET CENTERLINE-ADDRESS DATABASE DISTRIBUTION

At the last meeting, Mr. Zink informed the Council that NAFTEQ had expressed an interest to receive copy of NebraskaMAP street centerline-address database. At that meeting, the Council supported Mr. Zink's decision to have NAFTEQ contract the Public Service Commission regarding their interest. The Council also requested that Mr. Zink contact the Attorney General's office for clarification. Their response was that even if the Public Service Commission has taken a position restricting the distribution of their data that this does not obligate the OCIO not to provide a response if there is a specific public records request regarding data. The Attorney General's office recommended discussions continue with the Public Service Commission regarding a potential request. Related to this issue is the ownership of this data as it is available within the NebraskaMAP. Is it the OCIO's data or is it the Public Service Commission's data. At this point, NAFTEQ has not submitted a formal request only an expression of interest. Mr. Zink will continue discussions with PSC regarding this issue.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FROM ATTENDEES

ESRI Statewide Master Purchase. Mr. Eckman informed the Council that the ESRI State Master purchase expired 2010. He has been working with Ruth Gray, AS-Materiel but has had difficulty contacting her regarding the state contract. He wanted to bring it to the attention of the GIS Council since many of the members are customers and users of ESRI. Mr. Zink offered to speak with her. It was agreed by group consensus for the GIS Council Chair and Co-Chair to send correspondence requesting a response regarding the status of the purchase, as well as for individual members contact Purchasing regarding the purchase.

UPDATES FROM MEMBERS AGENCIES

Mr. Langtry distributed and informational sheet titled "National Enhanced Elevation Requirements and Benefits Assessment". Doug Hallum, NDNR, will fill out the USGS survey for Nebraska. Mr. Langtry is now the geospatial liaison for both Nebraska and Iowa.

With no further business, Mr. Schonlau adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

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

Vote Tallies date: April 6, 2011					
		Roll Call	March 2, 2011 Minutes	OCIO State Records Broad Grant Application	Chair, co-chair and Mr. Ohmberger to meet with CIO on Strategic Plan RFP
1	Mike Schonlau - Chair - At Large.	P	Y	Y	Y
2	Jeff McReynolds - Vice Chair - Lincoln area .	P	Y	Y	Y
3	Jim Ohmberger (Brenda Decker) - DAS	P	Y	Y	Y
4	Les Howard, Milda Vaitkus (Mark Kuzila) - CSD	P	Y	Y	Y
5	Josh Lear, Kim Menke, (Brian Dunnigan) - DNR	P	Y	Y	Y
6	TBA (Lauren Hill) - PRO	A			
7	Bill Wehling, Rose Braun, (Mike Neidemeyer) - DOR	P	Y	Y	Y
8	Steve Cobb, John Beran - St.Surv	A			
9	Jack Dohrman (Patrick O'Donnell) -Clk of Leg.	A			
10	Sudhir Ponnapan (Rex Amack) -NGPC	P	Y	Y	Y
11	Ruth Sorensen, Bob Martin - PTA	A			
12	Jim Langtry Federal Agency	P	Y	Y	Y
13	John Miyoshi, Chris Poole - NARD	P	Y	Y	Y
14	Tim Cielocha (Mark Brugger) - Public Power .	P	Y	Y	Y
15	Eric Herbert - NACO rep.	P	Y	Y	Y
16	Lash Chaffin - League	P	Y	Y	(Left prior to voting)
17	Karis Bowen, Ge Lin -DHHS	A			
18	Chad Boshart (Sue Krogman) - NEMA/Mil.	P	Y	Y	Y
19	Paul Yamamoto, Tom Lamberson (M. Linder)-DEQ	P	Y	Y	Y
20	Paul Mullen Omaha area	A			
21	Mike Hybl (Sue Vanicek) - PSC	A			
22	Mike Preston GIS Prof. Org	P	Y	Y	Y
23	NACO - VACANT		.		
	TOTAL PRESENT	15	Yes - 15 No - 0 Ab - 0	Yes - 15 No - 0 Ab - 0	Yes - 14 No - 0 Ab - 0

ROLL CALL: "P"=present, "A"=absent

VOTING: "Y"=voting for, "N"=voting against, "A"="Abstained" "NV"=not voting

