

GIS STEERING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 1, 2010, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Nebraska Dept. of Roads-Main Auditorium
1500 Nebraska Highway 2
Lincoln, Nebraska

PROPOSED MINUTES

ROLL CALL PRESENT (authorized to vote*):

John Beran	*	State Surveyors Office
Karis Bowen	*	Dept. of Health and Human Services
Rose Braun	*	Dept. of Roads
Lash Chaffin	*	League of Municipalities
Tim Cielocha	*	Public Power
Jack Dohrman	*	Clerk of the Legislature
Jim Langtry	*	USGS
Josh Lear	*	Dept. of Natural Resources
Jeff McReynolds	*	City of Lincoln/Lancaster County
John Miyoshi	*	Lower Platte North NRD – NRD Representative
Sudhir Ponnapan	*	Nebraska Game and Parks
Mike Preston	*	GIS Professional Organization
Mike Schonlau	*	Douglas County/Omaha – At Large Rep
Milda Vaitkus	*	Conservation and Survey Division
Paul Yamamoto	*	Dept. of Environmental Quality

Others Present:

Larry Zink, GIS Council Coordinator	Lori Lopez Urdiales, Office of the CIO/NITC
Dick Vraga, USGS-WIGICC	Mike Murphy, LENRD
Brenda Wilson, GIS Workshop, Inc.	Chad Kudym, GIS Workshop, Inc.
Karin Callahan, UNL-CALMIT	Joe Eckmann, ESRI
Mike Gilligan, Office of Rural Health	

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF AUDIENCE ATTENDEES

Co-Chair, Jeff Reynolds, called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and 14 members were present. A quorum existed to conduct official business.

PUBLIC MEETINGS REGULATIONS AND POSTING OF THE SAME

The meeting notice was posted to the [Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar](#) on July 5, 2010. The meeting agenda was posted on GIS Council website August 30, 2010.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FROM ATTENDEES

There was no public comment. Guests introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 4, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Chaffin moved to approve the [minutes from 8/4/10 meeting](#) as presented. Mr. McReynolds seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

NEBRASKAMAP UPDATE

Dan Pfeffer, NebraskaMAP Project Manager

The Street Centerline data first update has been given to the State Patrol. Due to the attributes being declared inaccurately, it took an additional week to repair. Metadata training was provided to approximately 12-15 individuals. They provide suggestions for improvements to the portal's metadata tools. Most of these suggestions have been implemented. The project will be in contact with these individuals to re-evaluate the portal. The project is also attempting to gather updated metadata information from the 93 counties.

There is a meeting scheduled tomorrow with the Office of the CIO regarding installation of software, as well as to determine a date for installation.

Discussions occurred regarding sustainability of NebraskaMAP and possible project requests to utilize the portal and/or the proposed service bureau. Some of the potential projects mentioned include: the Department of Revenue, the Department of Agriculture, the Public Service Commission, and the University of Nebraska-Libraries. These projects may have funding for their projects and could assist the Office of the CIO in funding NebraskaMAP and a GIS Service Bureau in the interim until a permanent funding source has been established.

Mr. Pfeffer is meeting with UNL- Libraries today at 3 p.m. and with the Department of Agriculture tomorrow at 10 a.m. regarding their projects.

Members recommended the following next steps:

- Organize meetings between agencies with these potential projects and the Office of the OCIO to discuss potential for funding NebraskaMAP.
- Agencies should be urged to submit a letter of support to the Office of the CIO regarding their projects that are possible candidates for hosting on the NebraskaMAP or utilize the proposed GIS service bureau.
- In the interim, agencies should come up with what funding and assistance could be proposed.

Mr. Pfeffer is working on the final report for the NebraskaMAP project. His contract for the project will end in December.

STATE GIS SERVICE BUREAU DISCUSSION AND [RECOMMENDATION](#)

At the last meeting, members were asked to take the draft background document that had been developed on the GIS service bureau proposal and discuss it within their agencies and provide us with feedback.

Mr. Preston arrived to the meeting.

Mr. Zink indicated that the Department of Natural Resources (NDNR) was one agency that had taken this request for discussion seriously and had provided him with some of their questions and concerns. Mr. Zink invited Mr. Lear to share with the Council some of the questions and concerns that NDNR had expressed. Mr. Lear reported that NDNR is supportive of the GIS service bureau concept, but it has some questions and concerns, particularly in light of the current budget constraints. Mr. Lear noted that currently, the Department of Natural Resources has control of their data. Below are a few of the agency's concerns:

- What assurances are in place that the GIS Bureau it will be a long standing to provide support and services 5, 10, 20 years from now?
- The proposal lacks a business case
- What is going to be required from the agency?
- Are there upfront costs?
- What is the model for the service bureau (services it will provide, what cost, number of personnel)?
- Where does it get its authority and governance?
- How does it solve priority issues?

Mr. Lear also noted that there are agencies that of the agencies that already have GIS staff and servers, it would be hard to spend any more dollars than what they are currently spending on GIS efforts given the current budget environment. Some of the other state agencies also expressed a concern about the impact of this start up in the context of the current budget situation.

There followed a fair amount of discussion about the NebraskaMAP project and the service bureau proposal and the current budget constraints. Mr. Zink expressed again his appreciation of DNR's efforts to discuss and provide feedback on the service bureau proposal. Mr. Zink suggested that as we consider how to move forward, we need to have more discussion within the GIS Council and within member agencies. In an effort to facilitate more discussion, Mr. Zink asked Mr. Lear to convert the DNR questions/concerns into more of a clear question format that would then be shared with other members in

the hope of stimulating discussion and dialogue. Mr. Lear agreed to send Mr. Zink the Department of Natural Resources comprehensive list of concerns. Mr. Zink will circulate these to all members for future discussion and input.

Further discussion focused on how the costs for the NebraskaMAP and the service bureau might be met. Some possibilities for interested agencies were discussed. It was suggested that Mr. Zink develop a template that might be used by interested agencies to describe their potential project and their support for the development of a service bureau. Mr. Zink indicated that he would try to work with Mr. Schonlau to get this done before he left on vacation.

It was also suggested that as part of the effort to address the budget challenges related to the service bureau proposal that the much delayed effort to develop an updated GIS Strategic Plan include an effort to develop a business case for the service bureau proposal. Mr. Schonlau suggested that this effort include an effort to produce a return on investment analysis of the service bureau concept. Mr. Preston suggested that he felt that a business case approach was more appropriate at this time than a return on investment study.

NEBRASKA GEOSPATIAL STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mr. Zink noted that at the last GIS Council meeting, the Council had asked him to proceed with drafting an RFP to utilize the much delayed FGDC CAP grant funding for both strategic planning and for developing a business case for the proposed service bureau. Mr. Zink indicated that an initial draft was available as an attachment to today's agenda and asked for any feedback or suggestions. After a brief discussion, it became clear that most members had not yet reviewed the draft RFP. Mr. Zink asked members to provide feedback regarding components to be included in the RFP by September 7 if at all possible. Mr. Z noted that he would be taking a two week vacation beginning on September 15 and if possible he would like to send a draft of the RFP to his FGDC contact to see if they would be willing to grant yet another extension until the end of 2011. Otherwise, Mr. Zink indicated that he did not think there was sufficient time to make it worthwhile to release the RFP as the current extension runs out at the end of 2010. Mr. Schonlau requested that the RFP be structured in such a manner that the business case be timed before the strategic plan.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

NIROC – II, Mike Schonlau. All imagery has been made available by the contractor. All accepted imagery will be delivered next week. QC has gone really well so far.

Updates on Subcommittees - Castral/Property Parcel, Mike Schonlau. The Committee has not met since last GIS Council Meeting. There is a meeting scheduled for Friday, September 3, in Omaha, at 10 a.m.

Updates on Subcommittees - Historical Imagery, Mike Schonlau. The Committee has not met since last GIS Council Meeting. There is a meeting scheduled for Friday, September 3, in Omaha, at 1 p.m.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE BUREAU OPEN DOCKETS RELATED TO GIS

[Statewide Maintenance of GIS Data for E911](#) and [Standards and Guidelines for GIS Data for E911](#).

Mr. Zink noted that since Mr. Hybl, PSC, was not at the meeting today there would not be a report on the Public Service Commission's response to the GIS Council response to the PSC's Docket request. Mr. Zink also noted that he had briefly communicated with Mr. Hybl and the PSC had not taken an action on the Docket responses.

BROADBAND MAPPING REPORT

Mr. Zink again noted that in the absence of Mr. Hybl, there would be no report on this item.

IMAGERY

[2010 FSA, I-meter, leaf-on imagery](#). Mr. Langtry, USGS, reported that he will be receiving a copy of the 2010 Nebraska NAIP imagery in his role as USGS Liaison. Therefore, should be no need for a Nebraska purchase of the imagery as he can provide it for free. Mr. Langtry indicated that he didn't really know when it will likely be available. Mr. Zink noted that they had told him that it would probably be available near the end of September 2010.

2010 Flood Imagery (Elkhorn, Lower Platte, Missouri). Mr. Zink noted that at the last GIS Council meeting he had shared with the Council members some sample of the orthoimagery that GIS Workshop and Cornerstone Mapping had taken during the summer floods. Since then some folks had expressed some possible interest in the imagery, but so far no concrete proposals have been made known to him. The entire set was being offered for \$15,000 but there was a stipulation that the data cannot be shared with non-state agencies for two years. Members were to contact Mr. Zink if there was interest.

HOMELAND SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (HSIP) DATA RECLASSIFICATION

[Larry's Background Paper on Proposal](#), [Formal HSIP Concurrence Document](#), [HSIP Gold and HSIP Freedom Overview](#), and [FAQs on HSIP Gold and HSIP Freedom Data](#)

Mr. Zink noted that at the last meeting he had indicated that there was an interest on the part of the Dept. of Homeland Security, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, and the USGS to reclassify certain geospatial datasets such that they might be made more readily available. They still would not be publically available, but neighboring state agencies could get copies. Apparently the Nebraska State Patrol is now the lead agency for homeland security type GIS databases. Mr. Zink has been referred to a particular person at the NSP, but so far they have not been able to connect. Mr. Zink would still like to learn if any agency has a concern about loosening the classification on these particular datasets..

FEMA, USGS AND NOAA - ELEVATION INVENTORY SNAPSHOT:

Jim Langtry, USGS, had provided a map that was attached to the agenda that indicates the areas for which LiDAR data that is available for Nebraska. There is a national elevation effort going on to do at least 4 foot contours. Nebraska's statewide LiDAR effort is recommending to do 2 foot contours. Mr. Langtry is in continued conversations with USGS and FEMA regarding elevation datasets.

Chad Kudym, GIS Workshop Inc., was present and stated that a demonstration of LiDAR data is available and could be provided if the Council was interested. Data comes from clients working within the Iowa NRCS. Members asked if an informational one-page document could be provided.

NSGIC CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE - A NEBRASKA REP

Mr. Zink reported that due to budget constraints, he will not be attending the NSGIC Annual Conference this year. It was suggested that while it was very late, if others were interested they might consider attending. It was noted that there is a \$500 MAGIC travel grant available for Nebraska to send a representative to the conference being held September 12-16 in Minneapolis. It was suggested to possibly approach Dan Pfeffer about attending since he is now in Minnesota.

WISCONSIN GIS COORDINATION – SHARING IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES

Dick Vraga, USGS Geospatial Liaison for Wisconsin was in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Vraga was attending because the State of Wisconsin is considering restructuring their state GIS coordinating bodies and were interested in learning about the history and workings of the Nebraska GIS Council. Mr. Vraga had an opportunity to ask questions about the origin and history of the GIS Council in Nebraska. Members provided information and shared their experiences.

OTHER BUSINESS OR UPDATES

There was no other business or updates.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Co-Chair, Mr. Schonlau adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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

Vote Tallies Date: September 1, 2010

		Roll Call	#1 Approval of 8/4/2010 Minutes (LC/JR)	#2	#3	#4
1	Mike Schonlau - Chair - At Large.	P	Y	.	.	.
2	Jeff McReynolds - Vice Chair - Lincoln area .	P	Y	.	.	.
3	TBA (Brenda Decker) - DAS	A		.	.	.
4	Les Howard, Milda Vaitkus (Mark Kuzila) - CSD	P	Y	.	.	.
5	Josh Lear , Kim Menke, (Brian Dunnigan) - DNR	P	Y	.	.	.
6	Jeremy Hosein (Lauren Hill) - PRO	A		.	.	.
7	Bill Wehling, Rose Braun , (Monty Frederickson) - DOR	P	Y	.	.	.
8	Steve Cobb, John Beran - St.Surv	P	Y	.	.	.
9	Jack Dohrman (Patrick O'Donnell) -Clk of Leg.	P	Y	.	.	.
10	Sudhir Ponnapan (Rex Amack) -NGPC	P	Y	.	.	.
11	Ruth Sorensen , Bob Martin - PTA	A		.	.	.
12	Jim Langtry - Fed. Ag.	P	Y	.	.	.
13	John Miyoshi , Chris Poole - NARD	P	Y	.	.	.
14	Tim Cielocha (Mark Brugger) - Public Power .	P	Y	.	.	.
15	Eric Herbert - NACO rep.	A		.	.	.
16	Lash Chaffin - League	P	Y	.	.	.
17	Karis Bowen , Ge Lin -DHHS	P	Y	.	.	.
18	Chad Boshart (Sue Krogman) - NEMA/Mil.	A		.	.	.
19	Paul Yamamoto , Tom Lamberson (M. Linder)-DEQ	P	Y	.	.	.
20	Paul Mullen - Omaha area .	A		.	.	.
21	Mike Hybl (Sue Vanicek) - PSC	A		.	.	.
22	Mike Preston - GIS Prof. Org.	P	Not present at time of vote	.	.	.
23	NACO - VACANT			.	.	.

24	At-Large - formerly Duane Stott VACANT			.	.	.
	TOTALS -	15	14	.	.	.

"P"=present, "A"=absent, "+"=voting for, "-"=voting against, "NV"=not voting