

## GIS Council Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2013  
1:00 p.m. – 2:17 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 Member Presentation** A presentation was provided by Kelly Mueller, Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) / Antelope County. [http://nitc.ne.gov/gis\\_council/meetings/docs/9-4-13/GISCouncilNACOAntelope92013.pdf](http://nitc.ne.gov/gis_council/meetings/docs/9-4-13/GISCouncilNACOAntelope92013.pdf)

#### **Working Groups**

**Street Centerline Addressing** - The Department of Roads plans to continue with the QA/QC process of spatially assessing the Public Service Commission's street centerlines to the Department of Roads street network. The Work Group will be meeting with Mr. Watermeier today to discuss the format of the comparison results, who should receive them and next steps. The Next Generation 911 Survey was discussed. Mr. Meradith reported that Mission Critical Partners has been selected to conduct the study. They have done similar studies with Colorado and Kansas. The street centerline address working group has been reviewing a survey to be interjected with the ongoing survey to PSAPs on geospatial assessment and needs. Members were encouraged to review the survey via the SharePoint.

**Land Records** - The land records subgroup has developed an implementation plan and data model. The Land Records Information and Mapping standards being reviewed and edited for updates. A communications strategy is being put together to gather parcel data from counties.

**Imagery** - A state agency survey has been developed for review. Mr. Watermeier will send a list of state agency contacts for imagery to be included in the survey. NIROC deliverables have received their data with one final delivery. No problems have been reported. Lincoln area will have training classes scheduled for October. Mr. Schonlau has been working on caching of the data.

**NebraskaMAP** - Upgrades have been completed for a newer version of the Geoportal and will begin to be tested during the month. The OCIO is reviewing the current inventory of data layers and have begun to upload data to the new data storage network.

#### **Nebraska Spatial Data Infrastructure**

An inventory and assessment process is being developed to verify and collect pertinent Nebraska's data layers to support the NESDI. An assessment has begun with Nebraska's homeland security data and then plan to go through other spatial assessment data layers. The NITC has approved the addition of the Nebraska Spatial Data Infrastructure as a stand alone GIS initiative in the Statewide Technology Plan. Action items to support the initiative will be developed in coming months for approval and recommendation at the December meeting. The plan is to have a draft of action items must be completed by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Updates from Member Agencies** Various updates were provided by agencies and are included in these minutes.

#### **Other Business Items**

**Membership.** The nomination committee met and reviewed two nominees for the Member At Large private industry seat. Both candidates were qualified and the selection criteria process was helpful with the decision making. Mr. Todd Whitfield was voted as the nomination to be carried on to the NITC for acceptance at their next meeting. Their decision will then go onto the Governor's office for final approval.

**Future Meetings.** There was a meeting conflict for the November 6 meeting. It was moved to cancel the November meeting but if the Chair determines a need to meet the meeting would be rescheduled to November 13<sup>th</sup>. Proposed meeting dates were approved for the coming 2014 year.

**Motions**

Motions Carried:

- The August 7, 2013 minutes were approved.
- Mr. Todd Whitfield was nominated for the Member At Large Private Industry seat.
- It was moved and accepted to cancel the November 6 GIS Council meeting but if the Chair determines there is a need to meet that the meeting be rescheduled to November 13th.

Motions Failed:

There were no motions that failed.

**I. Roll Call and Quorum**

<b>Members Present: * Authorized to Vote</b>		<b>Members Absent:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <i>John Beran</i>, State Surveyor</li> <li>* <i>Chad Boshart</i>, NEMA/Military Dept.</li> <li>* <i>Rose Braun, Alt. for Bill Wehling</i>, Department of Roads</li> <li>* Lash Chaffin, League of Nebraska Municipalities</li> <li>* Tim Cielocha, Public Power Districts</li> <li>* <i>Jim Koch</i>, Property Tax Administrator</li> <li>* <i>Tom Lamberson</i>, Dept. of Environmental Quality</li> <li>Jim Langtry, USGS</li> <li>* Pat Larson, Member at Large</li> <li>* Jeff McReynolds, Lincoln Metro Area</li> <li>* Steve Meradith, Public Service Commission</li> <li>* John Miyoshi, NE Assoc. of Resource Districts</li> <li>* Kelly Mueller, NACO</li> <li>* <i>Jim Ohmberger</i>, Office of the CIO</li> <li>* <i>Kyle Otte</i>, Nebr. State Patrol</li> <li>* <i>Sudhir Ponnapan</i>, Nebraska Game and Parks</li> <li>* Mike Preston, NE Geospatial Professional Assoc.</li> <li>* <i>Steve Rathje</i>, Department of Natural Resources</li> <li>* Mike Schonlau, Member at Large</li> <li>Greg Youell, Omaha Metro Area</li> </ul> <p><i>Italicized names are designees to council seats.</i></p>	<p><i>Karis Bowen</i>, DHHS  <i>Dick Clark</i>, Governor’s Policy Research Office  <i>Nancy Cyr</i>, Legislative Research                      Eric Herbert, NACO  <i>Les Howard</i>, Conservation and Survey Div. – UNL</p>	
<b>NITC Representatives:</b>	Nathan Watermeier, GIS Council Coordinator; and Lori Lopez Urdiales, Office Services Manager, Office of the CIO; and Adam Brown, Research Intern	
<b>Public Visitors:</b>	Cullen Robbins, Public Service Commission; Dan Erker, Infogroup; Alicea McCluskey and Marsha Munter, Department of Roads; Barb Oswald, Department of Revenue; and Melissa Trueblood, Department of Economic Development	

**I-III. General Meeting Formalities (continued)**

<b>Roll Call and Quorum</b>	The Chair, Mike Preston, called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Roll call was taken. There were 15 members present at the time of roll call. A quorum existed to conduct official business.
<b>Introduction of Audience Attendees</b>	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.

<p><b>Public Meetings Regulations and Posting of the Same</b></p>	<p>The meeting notice was posted to the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on December 12, 2012. The meeting agenda was posted on the GIS Council website August 27, 2013. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act information was posted in the room for interested persons to review.</p>
<p><b>Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting</b></p>	<p>The Chair, Mr. Preston, asked if there were any suggestion changes or clarification to the previous meeting's minutes. <b>Motion: Mr. Chaffin moved to approve the 8/07/2013 minutes as presented. Mr. Rathje seconded.</b> Roll call vote: Preston-Yes, Rathje-Yes, Koch-Yes, Braun-Yes, Boshart-Abstained, Otte-Yes, Ponnapan-Yes, Meradith-Yes, Miyoshi-Yes, Cielocha-Abstained, Mueller-Yes, Chaffin-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Langtry-Yes, and Larson-Yes. Results: Yes-13, No-0, Abstained-2. Motion carried.</p> <p>Not present at time of vote were Jim Ohmberger, John Beran, Greg Youell, Tom Lamberson and Mike Schonlau. All of these individuals arrived to the meeting after the approval of the minutes.</p>

**IV. GIS Council Member Presentation**

<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p>	<p>Kelly Mueller, Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO)/Antelope County, provided the member presentation for the September meeting. The presentation is located at <a href="http://nitc.ne.gov/gis_council/meetings/docs/9-4-13/GISCouncilNACOAntelope92013.pdf">http://nitc.ne.gov/gis_council/meetings/docs/9-4-13/GISCouncilNACOAntelope92013.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Mission Statement</b> To serve as an association for all Nebraska county officials. To stimulate and contribute to continuing improvement of county government throughout the State of Nebraska including specifically increased efficiency and economy and an even higher standard of public service through the medium of county government for the ultimate benefit, common good and general welfare of Nebraska county residents.</p> <p>NACO was organized in 1894 and formally incorporated in 1968. The membership base is made up of Nebraska's 93 Counties.</p> <p>Chad Boshart, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency will provide the presentation at the next meeting.</p>
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**V. Working Group Reports and Discussion**

<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p>	<p><b>Street Centerline - Rose Braun.</b> The Department of Roads plans to continue with the QA/QC process of spatially assessing the Public Service Commission's street centerlines to the Department of Roads street network. The Work Group will be meeting with Mr. Watermeier today to discuss the format of the comparison results, who should receive them and next steps.</p> <p><b>Addressing, Nathan Watermeier.</b> The Next Generation 911 Survey was discussed. Mr. Meradith reported that Mission Critical Partners has been selected to conduct the study. They have done similar studies with Colorado and Kansas. The street centerline address working group has been reviewing a survey to be interjected with the ongoing survey to PSAPs on geospatial assessment and needs. Members were encouraged to review the survey via the SharePoint.</p> <p><b>Land Records, Nathan Watermeier.</b> Mr. Herbert was not available to report. The subgroup has developed an implementation plan and data model. The Land Records Information and Mapping standards being reviewed and edited for updates. A communications strategy is being put together to gather parcel data from counties.</p> <p><b>Imagery, Mike Schonlau.</b> The Work Group has not met since the last meeting. A state agency survey has been developed for review. Mr. Watermeier will send a list of state agency contacts for imagery to be included in the survey. NIROC deliverables have received their data with one final delivery. No problems have been reported. Lincoln area will have training classes scheduled for</p>
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**NebraskaMAP, Nathan Watermeier.** Upgrades have been completed for a newer version of the Geoportal and will begin to be tested during the month. The OCIO is reviewing the current inventory of data layers and have begun to upload data to the new data storage network.

## VI. Nebraska Spatial Data Infrastructure

### DISCUSSION

**Inventory and Assessment, Nathan Watermeier.** An inventory and assessment process is being developed to verify and collect pertinent Nebraska’s data layers to support the NESDI. An assessment has begun with Nebraska’s homeland security data and then plan to go through other spatial assessment data layers. If anyone is a steward for state data layers, Mr. Watermeier will be working with them directly on this process. Communication about the assessment and requests for steward information will begin with the Administrators and then go from there to complete the assessment.

**Action Items for Strategic Initiative.** The NITC has approved the addition of the Nebraska Spatial Data Infrastructure as a stand alone GIS initiative in the Statewide Technology Plan. Action items pertaining to GIS were previously under the Government Efficiency Initiative. Each initiative must develop action items to accomplish the initiative. Action items to support the initiative will be developed in coming months for approval and recommendation at the December meeting. The NITC will be approving all action items for the Statewide Technology Plan at their December meeting. Members were asked to take the draft action items for their review and preparation for discussion. The plan is to have a draft of action items must be completed by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## VII. Updates from Member Agencies

### DISCUSSION

Mr. Watermeier asked members to include any preparedness or emergency management related activities as part of their report. September is National Preparedness Month.

Nebraska Association of County Officials, Kelly Mueller. The Antelope County Assessor’s Office is attempting to track sales across the county.

Lincoln/Lancaster County, Jeff McReynolds. The City is developing the biennial budget preparation for GIS. The NIROC data is being reviewed. JAVA applications are being used more for mobile applications on iPhones and iPads rather than on Androids. Eventually, the city would like this information online for citizen’s use.

Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, Chad Boshart. NEMA has been working with communications representative to update maps and interactive maps with the assistance of the OCIO.

Department of Revenue, Jim Koch. The agency is working with a liaison on plotting sales across the state.

Department of Roads, Rose Braun. On Friday, there will be a webinar on Imagine Software which deals with large datasets such as Imagery and LiDAR. If members were interested in attending, they are to contact Ms. Braun. The Department of Road’s Operations Division sets up a disaster scenario for National Preparedness Awareness month.

Public Service Commission, Steve Meradith. Mission Critical Partners have been selected as the vendor for the 911. The project is developing a communications plan to involve PSAPs, ISPS, OCIO, homeland security and others who would be interested in the study. The tentative kick off meeting date is scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the meeting will be to providing information on the groundwork, purpose and methodology of the study.

Nebraska Association of Resource Districts, John Miyoshi. NRD’s irrigated acres records need to match the landowner’s and assessor’s office records to be identified and certified. The districts are assessing water needs so that irrigating is more proportionate.

Omaha Metro Area, Greg Youell. Workshops will be held on regional planning for the future for the Omaha/Council Bluff area. The software that will be used is called Envision Tomorrow. A vendor will be assisting with the planning process. Offutt Air Force Base Project is dealing with land use issues, and planning restrictions. GIS is a large part of the Omaha Metro (MTIS) Transportation, Emergency Hazard, Disaster Recovery, Flood Zoning and Incident Management planning.

Federal Agencies, USGS, Jim Langtry. The federal program that provided states grants for strategic planning has been cancelled. Mr. Langtry is the state's contact for agencies interested in the federal infrastructure program data sets.

Education and Western Nebraska GIS Community, Pat Larson. Mr. Larson works for Grand Island Public Schools as a GIS specialist. He has been working with the administration to promote GIS education.

Department of Environmental Quality, Tom Lamberson. At last month's meeting, the agency provided a demonstration of their ECM website that contained facilities management and information available to the public. Protecting this information is critical to the agency.

Department of Natural Resources, Steve Rathje. The NHD MOU has been signed by USGS, GIS Council, and DNR. It is good for one year. We will be focusing on editing and adding geographic names to the water features. Given the length of time it took to get this MOU done, it is probably not too soon to begin thinking about the next one. The Watershed Boundary Dataset needs to be part of the MOU. Mr. Lear has contacted Shandy Bittle, Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), about having WBD maintenance covered in the NHD MOU and I will continue to pursue that. NRCS is the official steward of WBD. There is also a new floodplain interactive map. The old one had floodplain information. The new one has additional links to things like the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) requests.

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Sudhir Ponnapan. The online hunting license application was launched. The first day of hunting season (<http://outdoornebraska.ne.gov/hunting.asp>) was very busy. Mr. Watermeier announced that the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) GIS team received the 2013 ESRI Special Achievement in GIS Award at the recent ESRI International Users Conference. They were awarded for their statewide GIS trails network project. A complete story is on the GIS Council website.

City of Omaha/Douglas County, Mike Schonlau. The Omaha Metro area uses an analytical tool to determine whether a disaster event is a weather or chemical related event. It pulls in data and text files that interact. Common operating procedures are taken to the next level.

Nebraska Public Power District, Tim Cielocha. NPPD is tracking power lines that cross railroads and highways. A mobile application for damage assessments will be implemented in the fall.

Nebraska State Patrol, Kyle Otte. The regional center is working with GIS for emergency response. Homeland Security data for GIS is critical for their operations. For example, determining locations of feedlots and other pertinent assets for public safety and homeland security threats.

Office of the CIO, Jim Ohmberger. The ESRI enterprise contract is almost completed and will be shared with the new contract once it is signed and delivered. Mr. Watermeier and staff are busy developing the back-end tools to work on the NESDI assessment and data collection for NebraskaMAP.

## VII. Other Business

**DISCUSSION** Membership. The GIS Council nomination committee received two nominations for the Member At Large GIS Council seat representing the private industry. The committee used the selection process approved by the NITC commission. After the committee's evaluation and discussion, a candidate was selected and is being brought forward at the meeting for acceptance. Mr. Ohmberger wanted to share

	<p>that both candidates were qualified and that the selection criteria process was helpful with the decision making.</p> <p>Mr. Todd Whitfield has been nominated to fulfill the NITC GIS Council Member-at-Large seat representing industry.</p> <p><b>Mr. Schonlau moved to approve the nomination of Todd Whitfield. Mr. Rathje seconded.</b> Roll call vote: Preston-Yes, Rathje-Yes, Ohmberger-Yes, Koch-Yes, Braun-Yes, Boshart-Yes, Beran-Yes, Otte-Yes, Ponnapan-Yes, Youell-Yes, Meradith-Yes, Miyoshi-Yes, Cielocha-Yes, Mueller-Yes, Chaffin-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Lamberson, Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Langtry-Yes, and Larson-Yes. Results: Yes-20, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.</p> <p>Mr. Whitfield's nomination will be carried on to the NITC for acceptance. Then onto the Governor's office for final approval.</p> <p>Mr. Preston reminded members to start thinking of nominations for Vice Chair. Elections will occur in December.</p> <p><b>Future Meetings.</b> The Nebraska Digital Government Summit will be held November 6th all day in Lincoln. Several of the GIS Council members will be attending the summit. Discussion occurred regarding rescheduling the GIS meeting to November 7<sup>th</sup> or the 13<sup>th</sup>, 1-3:30 p.m. at the Department of Roads Auditorium. In addition, it was recommended that the summit consider having a session on GIS. Mr. Ohmberger is on the planning committee and will speak to the committee about this opportunity.</p> <p><b>Mr. McReynolds moved to cancel the November GIS Council meeting but if the Chair determines there is a need to meet that the meeting be rescheduled to November 13th. Mr. Ponnapan seconded.</b> Preston-Yes, Rathje-Yes, Ohmberger-Yes, Koch-Yes, Braun-Yes, Boshart-Yes, Beran-Yes, Otte-Yes, Ponnapan-Yes, Youell-Yes, Meradith-Yes, Miyoshi-Yes, Cielocha-Yes, Mueller-Yes, Chaffin-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Lamberson, Yes, Schonlau-Yes, Langtry-Yes, and Larson-Yes. Results: Yes-20, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.</p> <p><b>2014 schedule.</b> The Council has accomplished a lot this year with the monthly meetings. Some members have requested that the Council meeting bi-monthly or quarterly with the work groups continuing to meet in between the regular meeting. A proposed schedule was presented and approved based on availability of booking the auditorium at Department of Roads.</p> <p>Brenda Decker, State CIO, will be on the GIS Council October meeting agenda to provide perspectives from state government as we finish business plans and begin implementation strategies.</p>
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**VIII. Invitation for Public Comment from Attendees**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	There were no public comments.
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**Meeting Conclusion**

<b>Adjournment</b>	<p><b>Motion: Mr. Schonlau moved to adjourn. Mr. McReynolds seconded.</b> All were in favor. Motion carried.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting will be October 2, 2013, 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.