



# IS Council Meeting

**APPROVED MINUTES**

August 7, 2019  
1:00pm – 2:00 pm  
Nebraska Department of  
Transportation - Main  
Auditorium

- NITC Representatives:** John Watermolen, GIS Council Coordinator, Lori Lopez Urdiales, CIO/NITC
- Voting Members Present:** Kea Morovitz, Public Service Commission, Chair  
John Beran, State Surveyor  
Bryan Hill, Rep. for Barbara Oswald Department of Revenue (Non-voting)  
Kyle Otte, Nebraska State Patrol  
Devarsi Majumder, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission  
Trinity Chappelle, Governor's Policy Research Office  
Tim Cielocha, Public Power Districts  
Claire Inbody, Department of Transportation  
Han Liu, Department of Health and Human Services  
Doug Hallum, Conservation and Survey Division, UNL  
Lesli Rawlings, NE Geospatial Professional Assoc.  
Lash Chaffin, League of Nebraska Municipalities  
Chad Boshart, NEMA/Military Dept.  
John McKee, NACO  
Eric Herbert, Omaha Metro Area  
Tim Erickson, Clerk of the Legislature  
Jeff McReynolds, Lincoln Metro Area  
Gary Morrison, Department of Environment and Energy  
Steve Cacioppo, Rep. for Mike Schonlau, Member at Large (Non-voting)
- Voting Members Not Present:** Jim Ohmberger, Office of the CIO  
Danny Pittman, NACO  
Mike Preston, Member at Large, Vice Chair  
Todd Whitfield, Member at Large  
Chuck Wingert, Natural Resources Districts  
Jim Langtry, USGS  
Steve Rathje, Department of Natural Resources
- Roll Call:** Chair, Kea Morovitz, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.
- Quorum:** A quorum was present to conduct official business.

Agenda item: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Discussion:

Mr. McReynolds moved to approve to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Cielocha seconded. Morovitz-Yes, Otte-Abstained, Majumder-Yes, Ciechola-Yes, Inbody-Yes, Hallum-Yes, Rawlings-Yes, Liu-Yes, Chappellear-Yes, Boshart-Yes, Beran-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Erickson-Yes, Erickson-Yes, McKee-Yes, Chaffin-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, and Morrison-Yes.

Conclusions:

Results: Yes-14, No-0, Abstained-2. Motion carried.

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Agenda item: NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIR

Discussion:

Mike Preston, Vice Chair, has resigned from the council. Members were reminded about nominations for Vice Chair for 2020. Voting will occur at the November meeting. In addition, Todd Whitfield, Member-at-Large (Industry), will not be renewing his on the Council. Mr. Watermolen will follow-up regarding his sector representation replacement.

Conclusions: Members were asked to provide their nominations to Mr. Watermolen

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Agenda item: STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ACTION ITEMS UPDATES & UPDATE FROM THE NITC JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

Discussion:

At the July 25th NITC meeting, all amendments to Proposal 18-06 GIS Imagery, Proposal 19-01 Street Centerline and Proposal 19-02 Address Points were approved. The Public Service Commission have sent the updated standards to their vendors.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: UPDATE WITH 3D NATION

Discussion:

Mr. Watermolen reported that the project is progressing. Most of the RainWater Basin in South-central Nebraska is being flown this year. He has received a copy of the 2018 data from NRCS.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: UPDATE ON GEOELECTIONS PILOT PROJECT

Discussion:

OCIO is working with the Secretary of State and Sarpy County. The project is not about redistricting. Nebraska has been asked to share their findings at the NSGIC Elections GeoSummit in Washington DC next week. Nebraska is just one of many states that are part of this project. The other states including Minnesota, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky. Mr. Herbert reported that Sarpy County had issues with the GIS module and vendor proposed by the state. The Secretary of State will need to decide how to proceed.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: FOLLOW-UP TO THE POST ACTION MEETING REGARDING THE MARCH FLOOD EVENT

Discussion:

Mr. Watermolen coordinated a meeting with several counties, local and state agencies to discuss what can be done with GIS for the next disaster. Some of the proposed action items from the meeting are:

- free imagery (prior, during and post)
- drones inventory (The OCIO has already started this effort and will make link available.)
- crowd source drone capturing
- develop or share high water marks
- emergency open data hubs
- utilizing FEMA tools for information dash board
- standardize messaging for PIOs

At the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, the importance and benefits of utilizing drones was of interest to the NITC Commissioners. One of the Commissioners utilizes drones on their farm and had asked about crowd sourcing.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: REPORT ESRI USER CONFERENCE

Discussion:

Members shared their thoughts on the conference. GIS Desktop and GIS Pro are still being used side-by-side. GIS Desktop will not be supported after version 10.8 and users are being encouraged to use Pro. Main topics at the conference were parcel fabric, big data storage and analysis. The Indoors and Tracker applications were being promoted.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: UPDATE OF NG911 BOUNDARIES WORKSHOP

Discussion:

Ms. Morovitz reported that the Public Service Commission is in the process of creating inter-local agreements between all entities involved to assure the right communication is getting to the right persons. The Work Group created a work flow document which has been approved by the Services Systems Committee. The next step will be to develop training and training materials. Creating provisioning boundaries, as well as developing a definition of provisioning boundary. No taxes associated with these calls.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: UPDATES FROM AGENCIES

Discussion:

Agency updates were provided by the following: City of Lincoln/Lancaster County; Department of Health and Human Services; Nebraska Emergency Management Agency; Nebraska Department of Transportation; Nebraska Geospatial Professional Association; Nebraska Public Power District; Public Service Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer; Clerk of the Legislature; Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the Department of Revenue.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: OTHER BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL DATES FOR 2020

Discussion:

Mr. Reynolds informed the Council that the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) is accepting nominations for appointments. He will get the information to Mr. Watermolen to share with the Council.

Council agreed on the following dates for 2020: February 5<sup>th</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup>, August 5<sup>th</sup>, and November 4<sup>th</sup>. Meetings will be held at the Department of Transportation Auditorium.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item:     **MEETING CONCLUSION**

Discussion:

Mr. Herbert moved to adjourn. Mr. McReynolds seconded.

Conclusions:

All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

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Agenda item:     **OTHER INFORMATION**

Resources:

The open meeting laws were displayed in the meeting room. The meeting notice posted on the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on January 3, 2019 and agenda posted on GIS Council website July 15, 2019 .

Special notes:

The next meeting will be November 6, 2019, 1:00-3:30 p.m. at the Department of Transportation, Lincoln Nebraska.

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