



# GIS Council Meeting

**DRAFT MINUTES**

November 6, 2019  
1:00pm – 2:00 pm  
Nebraska Department of  
Transportation - Main  
Auditorium

**NITC Representatives:** John Watermolen, Lori Lopez Urdiales, Jeff Timm, Justin Wolff and Trisha Schlake

**Voting Members Present:** Kea Morovitz, Public Service Commission, Chair  
Trinity Chappellear, Governor’s Policy Research Office  
Tim Cielocha, Public Power Districts  
Claire Inbody, Department of Transportation  
Lesli Rawlings, NE Geospatial Professional Assoc.  
Chad Boshart, NEMA/Military Dept.  
Eric Herbert, Omaha Metro Area  
Tim Erickson, Clerk of the Legislature  
Jeff McReynolds, Lincoln Metro Area  
Gary Morrison, Department of Environment and Energy  
Mike Schonlau, Member at Large  
Chuck Wingert, Natural Resources Districts  
Jim Langtry, USGS  
Steve Rathje, Department of Natural Resources  
Danny Pittman, NACO

**Voting Members Not Present:** John Beran, State Surveyor  
Doug Hallum, Conservation and Survey Division, UNL  
Barbara Oswald Department of Revenue (Non-voting)  
Kyle Otte, Nebraska State Patrol  
Devarsi Majumder, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission  
Han Liu, Department of Health and Human Services  
Lash Chaffin, League of Nebraska Municipalities  
John McKee, NACO  
Jim Ohmberger, Office of the CIO

**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. Erickson moved to approve the August 7, 2019 minutes as presented. Mr. Cielocha seconded. Roll call vote: Morovitz-Yes, Ciechola-Yes, Inbody-Yes, Rathje-Yes, Rawlings-Yes, Boshart-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Erickson-Yes, Wingert-Yes, Pittman-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Morrison-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, and Langtry-Yes.

**Conclusions:**

**Results:** Yes-11, No-0, Abstained-3. Motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM:** NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR

**Discussion:** Mr. Herbert moved to approve the nomination of Mike Schonlau to serve as Chair. Mr. Rathje seconded. Roll call vote: Morovitz-Yes, Ciechola-Yes, Inbody-Yes, Rathje-Yes, Rawlings-Yes, Chappellear-Yes, Boshart-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Erickson-Yes, Wingert-Yes, Pittman-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Morrison-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, and Langtry-Yes.

**Conclusion:**

**Results:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM:** NOMINATION FOR VICE CHAIR

**Discussion:** Mr. McReynolds moved to approve the nomination of Casey Dunn to serve as Vice Chair. Mr. Schonlau seconded. Roll call vote: Morovitz-Yes, Ciechola-Yes, Inbody-Yes, Rathje-Yes, Rawlings-Yes, Chappellear-Yes, Boshart-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Erickson-Yes, Wingert-Yes, Pittman-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Morrison-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, and Langtry-Yes.

**Conclusion:**

**Results:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM:** NOMINATION FOR GIS RELATED INDUSTRY

**Discussion:** The GIS Council Charter indicated that these do not need to be voted or action taken. It stated that names needed to be provided. There were two nominees:

- Don Linquist, Precision Agriculture Support Specialist- Mitchell Implements
- Matt Tinkham, Surveyor Lamp Rynearson

Mr. McReynolds moved to approve the two nominations for GIS Related Industry representatives. Mr. Herbert seconded. No voting was required.

**Conclusion:** By group consensus Mr. Linquist and Mr. Tinkham were nominated to represent a GIS industry on the GIS Council.

**Results:**

**AGENDA ITEM: NOMINATION FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE**

**Discussion:** Three nominations were submitted for the At-Large vacancy on the Council:

- Bailey Gibson, GIS Coordinator, Hall County
- Josh Corrigan, GIS Coordinator, Metro Area Planning Agency (MAPA) (3)
- Lindsay Dreckman, GIS Manager, Metropolitan Utility District (2)

Ballots were distributed for voting. Baily Gibson won the election with 10 of 15 votes.

Ms. Chappellear moved to approve the nomination of Bailey Gibson as an At-Large member on the GIS Council. Mr. Erickson seconded. Roll call vote: Morovitz-Yes, Ciechola-Yes, Inbody-Yes, Rathje-Yes, Rawlings-Yes, Chappellear-Yes, Boshart-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Erickson-Yes, Wingert-Yes, Pittman-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Morrison-Yes, Schonlau-Yes, and Langtry-Yes.

**Conclusion:**

**Results: Yes-15, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.**

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

**Discussion:** NebraskaMap. Eighteen (18) DHHS applications have been updated. The 1993 and 1999 DOQQ's were added and a 30M DEM plus some agency data sets. The site is getting 175-200 views a day. A story that ESRI did on the site.

Existing Workgroups. The Council members were ask to give some thought to the existing Council's work groups to determine continuation, reactivation or establish new work groups. Members were asked to give this some consideration.

- Elevation
- Boundary
- Street Centerline
- Address Point
- Imagery

Some suggestions were as follows:

- Redistricting
- Piece App Boundary (911)
- New Annexations within county boundaries. Mr. Erickson attended a national conference. There is interest in this initiative. OCIO is working with Department of Revenue and sales tax boundary data.

**Conclusions:** Members were asked to be prepared for discussion and review for the next meeting

**Results:**

**Agenda item: UPDATE WITH 3D NATION/LIDAR COLLECTION**

**Discussion:** Mr. Langtry reported that the cost sharing program for 3DEP program was release in September. The deadline for the first round of funding is Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. The BAA (Broad Agency Announcement) will be open through the year. Members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

**Conclusion:**

**Results:**

**Agenda item: UPDATE FROM MEMBER AGENCIES**

**Discussion:** Updates were given by the following agencies: Office of the CIO, Nebraska Department of Transportation; Department of Natural Resources; Nebraska Emergency Management Agency; Natural Resource Districts; Omaha Metro Area; Lancaster County/City of Lincoln; Douglas County; GIS Professional Educators; and the Public Service Commission.

**Conclusions:**

**Results:**

**Agenda item:** REPORT FROM THE NSGIC ANNUAL MEETING

**Discussion:** Mr. Watermolen attended national state geographic info council. Many vendors were there. The main focus was a self-reporting Geospatial Maturity Assessment. The categories included: Coordination; Address Point Data Layer; Cadastral (State Parcel Data); Elevation; Ortho Leaf Off; Transportation (street centerlines); Geodetic Control; Govern Unit Boundaries; Hydrology (updates to NHD) and Ortho Leaf On. Stress testing of data was also emphasized. Hexagon announce a change in resolution for imagery for their subscription. It is now 15cm statewide and 5 cm in cities. Statescoops GIS Addressed podcasts are available on the SoundCloud app or on Spotify. Tennessee developed some LIDAR training that is available on YouTube.

**Conclusions:**

**Results:**

**AGENDA ITEM:** OTHER BUSINESS

**Discussion:** None of the agencies on the Council have submitted any legislation this year.

**Conclusions:**

**Results:**

**AGENDA ITEM:** GIS DAY, November 13, 2019

**Discussion:** The GIS Day presentations for the State will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor hearing room, 1526 K Street, Lincoln. Mappy Hour will be at Longwells in the Haymarket starting at 5 p.m.

**Certificate of Appreciation.** Mr. Watermolen presented Kea Morovitz with certificate of appreciation for serving as GIS Council Chair.

**Conclusions:**

**Results:**

**AGENDA ITEM:** MEETING DATES FOR 2020

**Discussion:** The meeting dates for 2020 are as follows: February 12th, May 6th, August 5th, and November 4<sup>th</sup>. Meetings will be held at the Department of Transportation Auditorium.

**Conclusions:**

**Results:**

**AGENDA ITEM:** MEETING CONCLUSION

**Discussion:** Mr. Herbert moved to adjourn. Mr. McReynolds seconded.

**Conclusions:**

**Results:** All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

**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 February 12, 2020, 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.