



Meeting Summary

Strategic Initiative Action Items

NITC Statewide Technology Plan. Mr. Watermeier asked the members to spend time reviewing the initiative and action items. The Council will need to approve their action items at the November 4th meeting. The NITC will review and approve the Statewide Technology Plan at their November 12th meeting.

Metrics and Measuring Impact. The GIS Council Leadership Team put together a matrix to assist in providing ongoing updates to the metrics needed for the Strategic Action Items. The leadership team will work on additional criteria to support the metrics as action items get started. The Geospatial Maturity Assessments of the States provided through NSGIC is on SharePoint and is due on September 8th. Council members agreed that the Leadership team could go ahead and complete the survey on behalf of the council.

NebraskaMAP

Geospatial Data and Content Management Policy. Mr. Watermeier needed input from council members regarding accepting data to be provided through NebraskaMAP. A draft policy statement was developed. Council members were requested to review it and provide input. The policy will be brought up for next steps on the November 4th meeting agenda. The deadline for comments is set for September 30th.

Metadata Definitions. NebraskaMAP is based on metadata requirements. The data will be cataloged through ISO data categories. New ISO icons have been developed and will be included through the web site. The NebraskaMAP working group has developed the metadata definitions and wanted council members to provide feedback. There was discussion and a recommendation to update the NITC metadata standards with these changes.

Web Site. Mr. Watermeier showcased some initial elements of the new NebraskaMAP website that is in development. Ideally we would like to shoot for late fall for a release date internally. This is subject to getting the appropriate security established. Many state agencies are aware that the state is moving towards an enterprise level for sharing data and services. This effort will also coincide with the NebraskaMAP clearinghouse to provide data for public consumption.

Communications Strategy

Communications Plan. The Leadership team shared the communications plan they have worked on during the summer. Email communications have already been sent out to inform stakeholders about future communications and recent standards. This effort will also assist with communication about the website as well as promote awareness of the action items the Council is working on in Nebraska. They are developing a contact database list to maintain appropriate contacts. It was recommended to include "GIS good news or other features" when communication is made. It is also beneficial for GIS Council members who represent their own constituents to also update them on various activities.

NESDI Fact Sheets. A set of NESDI 1-2 page fact sheets are being planned. If you are interested in helping on these fact sheets notify Mr. Watermeier. These will eventually be posted on the NITC GIS Council website and emailed to interested stakeholders and other interested entities.

Remote Sensing, Milda Vaitkus. A needs assessment was conducted with interested entities regarding the kinds of imagery and applications that are in place, future needs, as well as their training needs. An hour long webinar is being planned for the fall. Council members were interested in seeing the questions and results of the needs assessment. If you are interested please contact Ms. Vaitkus.

State GIS Coordinators Report

State Agency ELAs. The State has a Statewide ELA for address and demographic data. All state agencies have an ELA for Geocortex. There is a Geocortex user group and support. The ESRI master purchase agreement has been renewed for the coming year. If you are interested in these opportunities please contact Mr. Watermeier.

Geospatial Data Act of 2015. The Council is waiting on information from the Governor's Policy and Research Office if the Letter of Support can be sent to the Senate committee.

Other Federal Initiatives and News. Information was provided on: MAPPS Privacy Best Practices Guidelines, Imagery for the Nation Report, and Addressing for the Nation. The NSGIC annual Conference is scheduled for October 5-9, 2015 in Kansas City, Missouri. November 18 has been designated for GIS Day. There will be metadata training in the afternoon. There will be plans for Geocortex on November 19. More information will follow.

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

MotionsMotions Carried:

- The September 2, 2015 minutes were approved.

Motions Failed:

There were no motions that failed.

I. Roll Call and Quorum

Members Present: * <i>Authorized to Vote</i>	Members Absent:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <i>Bill Wehling</i>, Department of Roads, Chair * Tim Cielocha, Public Power Districts, Vice Chair * <i>John Beran</i>, State Surveyor * <i>Chad Boshart</i>, NEMA/Military Dept. * <i>Karis Bowen</i>, DHHS * Lash Chaffin, League of Nebraska Municipalities * <i>Nancy Cyr</i>, Legislative Research * Eric Herbert, Omaha Metro Area * <i>Les Howard</i>, Conservation & Survey Division * <i>Jon Kraai</i>, Nebraska State Patrol * <i>Steve Rathje</i>, Department of Natural Resources * Jeff McReynolds, Lincoln Metro Area * John Miyoshi, NE Assoc. of Resource Districts * Gary Morrison, Dept. of Environmental Quality * <i>Jim Ohmberger</i>, Office of the CIO * <i>Sudhir Ponnappan</i>, Nebraska Game and Parks * Michael Preston, NE Geospatial Professional Assoc. * <i>Cullen Robbins</i>, Public Service Commission * Michael Schonlau, Member at Large * Todd Whitfield, Member at Large <p>* <i>Italicized names are designees to council seats.</i></p>	Brittny King, NACO Laura Kintner, Governor's Policy Research Office <i>Jim Koch</i> , Property Tax Administrator Jim Langtry, USGS Pat Larson, Member at Large Todd Wiltgen, NACO
NITC Representatives:	Nathan Watermeier, GIS Council Coordinator
Public Visitors:	Andrew Christenson, Nebraska State Patrol; Ron Welton, Level 3 Communications; Rose Braun & Michael Munson, Department of Roads; Chad Kudym, Databank; Milda Vaitkus, UNL-CALMIT; and Jeff Timm, GIS Analyst & Application Developer Engineer

I-III. General Meeting Formalities (continued)

<p>Roll Call and Quorum</p>	<p>The Chair, Bill Wehling, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. There were 18 members present at the time of roll call. A quorum was present to conduct official business. Two members arrived later.</p>
<p>Introduction of Audience Attendees</p>	<p>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>
<p>Public Meetings Regulations and Posting of the Same</p>	<p>NITC/GIS Council Homepage Meeting notice posted on the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on 12-15-2014 and agenda posted on GIS Council website 08-19-2015.</p>
<p>Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting</p>	<p>Mr. Chaffin moved to approve the May 20, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. McReynolds seconded. Roll call vote: Wehling-Yes, Cielocha-Abstained, Lear-Yes, Ohmberger-Yes, Howard-Yes, Bowen-Yes, Boshart-Yes, Beran-Yes, Kraai-Yes, Ponnappan-Yes, Herbert-Yes, Robbins-Yes, Miyoshi-Yes, Chaffin-Yes, McReynolds-Yes, Morrison-Yes, Cyr-Yes, and Whitfield-Yes. Results: Yes-17, No-0, Abstained-1. Motion carried.</p> <p>Mr. Preston, Mr. Schonlau and Mr. Herbert were not present at the time of the vote.</p>

IV. STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ACTION ITEMS

	<p><u>NITC Statewide Technology Plan.</u> Annually, the NITC is responsible for updating the Statewide Technology Plan. The NITC has developed strategic initiatives. The role of all NITC Advisory Groups is to develop action items that will achieve the NITC Strategic Initiatives: Network Nebraska, Community IT Development, eHealth, Public Safety Communications Systems, Digital Education, State Government IT Strategy, Nebraska Spatial Data Infrastructure (NESDI), IT Security, County Strategy, and State IT Spending Analysis. Mr. Watermeier asked the members to spend time reviewing the initiative and action items. The Council will need to approve their action items at the November 4th meeting. The NITC will review and approve the Statewide Technology Plan at their November 12th meeting. There are currently seven (7) action items.</p> <p><u>Metrics and Measuring Impact.</u> NITC has directed the staff and councils to develop metrics as means to measure progress towards the NITC initiatives and action items. The GIS Council Leadership Team put together a matrix to assist in providing ongoing updates to the metrics needed for the Strategic Action Items. The leadership team will work on additional criteria to support the metrics as action items get started. Once the Statewide Technology Plan and Action Items have been approved, the council members suggested the progress on the action items progress be posted on the GIS website. The progress should include the matrix with links to the action items. Members recommended that the NSGIC criteria could also be included with the matrix. The Geospatial Maturity Assessments of the States provided through NSGIC is on SharePoint and is due on September 8th. Mr. Watermeier asked if the council members would like to provide their input before it is submitted. Council members agreed that the Leadership team could go ahead and complete the survey on behalf of the council.</p> <p>Ms. Cyr left the meeting.</p> <p><u>NebraskaMAP</u></p> <p><u>Geospatial Data and Content Management Policy.</u> Mr. Watermeier needed input from council members regarding accepting data to be provided through NebraskaMAP. A draft policy statement was developed. Council members were requested to review it and provide input. The policy will be brought up for next steps on the November 4th meeting agenda. The deadline for comments is set for September 30th.</p>
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V. COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

DISCUSSION	<p>Communications Plan. The Leadership team shared the communications plan they have worked on during the summer. Email communications have already been sent out to inform stakeholders about future communications and recent standards. This effort will also assist with communication about the website as well as promote awareness of the action items the Council is working on in Nebraska. The Leadership team asked members to get the names of persons and/or organizations that would be interested. Currently, there are 145 contacts identified statewide. This does not include state agencies, as this is another internal list that has been developed and will also be used. It was recommended to include “GIS good news or other features” when communication is made. It is also beneficial for GIS Council members who represent their own constituents to also update them on various activities.</p> <p>NESDI Fact Sheets. A set of NESDI 1-2 page fact sheets are being planned. If you are interested in helping on these fact sheets notify Mr. Watermeier. These will eventually be posted on the NITC GIS Council website and emailed to interested stakeholders and other interested entities.</p> <p>Remote Sensing, Milda Vaitkus. A needs assessment was conducted with interested entities regarding the kinds of imagery and applications that are in place, future needs, as well as their training needs. An hour long webinar is being planned for the fall. Council members were interested in seeing the questions and results of the needs assessment. If you are interested please contact Ms. Vaitkus.</p>
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VI. STATE GIS COORDINATORS REPORT

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VII. UPDATES FROM MEMBERS AGENCIES

DISCUSSION

Department of Roads, Bill Wehling. Mr. Wehling invited members to attend the agency's GIS Team meeting scheduled for September 15, from 10 am to 12 noon. There will be presentations from Esri and Intergraph will be doing a presentation. If members are interested, let him know.

Omaha Metro, Mike Schonlau. In regards to the 2016 NIROC imagery, the agency is finalizing partnerships. If there are any interested members, they were asked to contact him. The goal is to be done with this task by Thanksgiving, in order to conduct a Spring flight. The communities of Schuyler, Beatrice, and Columbus have been approached. A pre-proposal was submitted to include Fremont and Blair this year. If members are interested or know of other entities that may be interested were to contact Mike Schonlau. The agency will not hear until next month about LIDAR but may be able to add areas to the project. A drone imagery acquisition project has been started. It is a local level small project of 30 acres imagery. The imagery is already processed and uploaded. Other departments have been asking about it as well. A new application is being developed called myomahamaps.com. The application has built with free software. Omaha Metro is updating the data. Citizens will be able to use the application on their mobile devices. Omaha Metro will be doing a demonstration on Sept 15th. Members were invited to attend.

Nebraska State Patrol, Jon Kraai. Andy Christenson has been hired as the new GIS staff member.

Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, Chad Boshart. Last week, NEMA participated in a National Guard Cooperative exercise. Approximately 250 staff needed to be relocated to a new work location. It was a 4-day exercise. Last January, National Alliance for Public Safety, just released their final report and conducted a webinar on information. The agency continues to deal with the bird flu. Veterinarians needed to have the parcel data in order to identify surveillance locations and identify landowners for inspections. Mr. Watermeier was able to get the necessary county data. This helped us identify specific radiuses within locations and reporting of positive diagnosis of AI in order to help prevent further spread of the disease. The Department of Agriculture was very appreciative of the data.

City of Lincoln/Lancaster County, Jeff McReynolds. When Lancaster County had the flooding issues this summer, it was clear there was a strong need for the emergency operations center to have GIS data.

Natural Resources Districts, John Miyoshi. Mr. Miyoshi informed the council that this will be his last GIS Council meeting. Jeff Sprock from North Platte has been designated as his replacement. Mr. Miyoshi stated that he is pleased with the progress the council has made with Mr. Watermeier's assistance. Mr. Miyoshi was presented with an appreciation certificate.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

DISCUSSION

Membership. Mr. Watermeier informed the Council that the Office of the CIO has received official confirmation of Lash Chaffin, Jeffrey Sprock and Eric Herbert membership recommendations.

IX. INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FROM ATTENDEES

DISCUSSION

There was no public comment.

Meeting Conclusion	
Adjournment	<p>Mr. Chaffin moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McReynolds seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting will be November 4, 2015, 1:00-3:30 p.m. at the Department of Roads, Lincoln Nebraska.</p>

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