

Minutes from the October 21, 2002 Board Meeting
(Scotts Bluff County Commissioners Room, 1825 10th Street, Gering)

Attendance:

Larry Zink	GIS Steering Committee
Paul Yamamoto	Nebraska DEQ
Gail Knapp	City of Omaha
Ed Kelley	Nebraska DOR
Doug Steinke	Central Platte, NRD
Chris Stanton	GIS Workshop, Inc.
Kathy Russel	Kearney County Roads Dept.
Susan Myers	City of Scottsbluff
Duane Stott?	
Mr. Steinke	Doug's Dad
Jim Richardson	Nebraska Geodetic Advisor
Individuals representing Grand Island, Garden County and the Bureau of Reclamation	

Agenda:

- 1) September Meeting Minutes (Group)
- 2) Treasurers Report (Beran)
- 3) Brochure Update (Kelly)
- 4) Web Site
- 5) Midwest Greatlakes Arc Users Conference (Knapp)
- 6) 2003 Symposium Planning (Langtry)
- 7) Today's afternoon user group details (Knapp)
- 8) Meeting in Norfolk (Kelly)
- 9) Meeting in Aurora (Russel)
- 10) Policy Issues (Zink)
- 11) Other Association Issues (Group)
- 12) Association Goals for 2002 and Beyond (Group)

Meeting started at 10:00 am

September Meeting Minutes:

Paul Yamamoto made a motion to approve the September minutes. Jim Langtry seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Treasurers Report:

Ed Kelly reported that the association accrued \$2.45 in interest income and that additional membership dues and a new sponsoring members accounted for \$292.45 in total income from August 11th through October 17th. There were \$133.35 in printing and reproduction costs for a net income for the period of \$159.10.

Brochure Update:

Ed stated that he will try and obtain testimonials from the following individuals: George Ellyson, Tom Casady, Doug Steinke, Dan Silvis and Andy Bishop. There was also discussion about an association email address, but it was unclear who should actually receive the email.

Web Site:

There again was concern over web site maintenance. Ed stated that he will try and get Chris Stanton and John Beran together to see if some of the work-load associated with website can be shared.

Midwest Greatlakes Arc Users Conference:

Gail reported that Omaha group conducted a meeting on the 10th of October. Some of the items that were discussed included: meeting program, physical space and use, review draft budget, MAUG Letterhead, status of breakout sessions, social activities, amenities and other items.

2003 Symposium Planning:

Jim Langtry went over the 2003 Symposium sponsorship opportunities and mentioned that some deadlines will have to be imposed and clarified on certain items. Jim also asked the board to appoint an awards committee for the symposium. The committee would be responsible in selecting poster awards and the outstanding contribution to Nebraska GIS award. Jim also mentioned that they are still working on plenary session speakers. Some the names that have been thrown into the hat include Tim Haithcoat, Mike Peterson, Kent Morgan and also Tom Osborne. Dennis Wilson has also agreed to be MC during the session. The theme for the symposium is "Share the Experience".

Todays Afternoon User Group Details:

Susan stated that there are no problems and that everything set for the meeting this afternoon.

Meeting in Norfolk:

Ed remarked that he has been in regular contact with Bonnie and that she had put together a list of afternoon speakers. The speakers include: Mark Hollingshead (ESRI), Chris Stanton (GIS Workshop), Tom Casady, (Lincoln Police Chief), George Ellyson (Wayne City Planner & GIS/GPS Coordinator), Bob Mortensen (ProMap Corporation) and Jamie Boswell (AGCO/SOILTEQ). Ed also mentioned that there will also be project posters on display. The Norfolk meeting is scheduled for November 18th 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Northeast Community College.

Meeting in Aurora:

Kathy Russel and Doug Steinke reported that the Central Nebraska Meeting is scheduled for February 19th at the Grand Island office of the Central Platte Natural Resources District.

Policy Issues:

Larry Zink reported that at the latest NSGIC meeting that “A Declaration of Interdependence” as been drafted and will be sent to Congress. If passed, the declaration will be used to fund geospatial infrastructure development. Larry hoped that the Association would look at endorsing the declaration. Jim Langtry suggested that we put this on the agenda for November.

Mr. Zink also briefly went over the recommendations of the advisory committee on facilitating geospatial data sharing. DNR would host the site but it would be owned by the steering committee. Larry also discussed the short and long term recommendations such as the geospatial clearinghouse, help desk, data integration, internet mapping and technical assistance.

Larry also noted that DEQ, NEMA, Department of Roads, HHS have been approached regarding homeland security GIS support. Larry reported that this effort would require specialized expertise such as acquiring GPS coordinates on key facilities, but the problem is that NEMA and HHS are not very GIS savvy. There was some discussion of the importance of property parcels and street addresses as key data layers.

Larry also mentioned that the Nebraska I-Team will meet November 6th at the East Campus Union.

Other Association Issues:

Ed thanked Susan for her hard work on the putting the workshop together. Ed also mentioned that Scott put in a request for a GIS Day proclamation.

A representative from the Bureau of Reclamation was wondering about the status of the Doqq's. Redefining the watershed boundaries was also of interest.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:05 am**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be at 10:00 am, Monday, November 18th, Northeast Community College, Norfolk.

Respectively Submitted,



Scott E Richert, Secretary
Nebraska GIS/LIS Assoc., Inc.