

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

June 3rd, 2016 – 3:30pm
Lincoln City Hall – Room 214
555 S 10th St.
Lincoln, NE

Officers Present

President	Shelley Schulte	Yes
President-Elect	Joe Sather	Yes
Past-President	Travis Talbitzer	Yes
Secretary	Paul Hunt	Yes
Treasurer	Eric Kriener	Yes

Board Members Present

Board Member	Amy Zoller	Yes
Board Member	Jeff Timm	Yes
Board Member	Jeff McReynolds	Yes
Board Member	Mark Steele	Yes
Board Member	Nataliya Lys	Yes (phone)
Board Member	Chad Kudym	Yes (phone)

Others Present

Jim Langtry – USGS, David Ross – Lincoln Parks/Rec, Steve Cobb - State Surveyor

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - a. Review agenda (corrections/additions/deletions)
2. Review & approve previous meeting's minutes
3. Financial report: +/-
4. Committee Reports
 - a. NE GIS Council
 - b. Education
5. National Map Year Event
6. State Surveyor Low Distortion Projections
7. 2017 Symposium
 - a. Ideas from MAGIC
 - b. Slogan
8. Other Business
9. Next Meeting(s)
 - July 8th ? are we having one??
 - Aug 5th – likely kick off symposium planning (Sarpy County)

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:31 pm. by Shelley Schulte. No changes to the Agenda.

Review and Approve previous meeting's minutes

Jeff McReynolds moved to approve the May meeting minutes. Jeff Timm seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Eric Kriener: Debits - Credit Card Maintenance Fee \$46, Lunch \$113.85, Credits – 1 membership \$50, interest \$0.26; Balance Forward is \$34,328.92.

Committee Reports

NE GIS Council: The group was informed that our nomination to the NE GIS Council was a conflict of interest (Chad Kudym). However, as the group discussed, we have already gone through the formal nomination process and we will not change our nomination unless it is formally rejected and requested that we make a new nomination from our board.

Education: We helped Seward County 4-H with a GIS activity. Continued to work with OPS and State of Nebraska dept. of Education (Harris Payne).

National Map Year Event

We applied and received a building use permit for the State Capitol building during Geography Awareness week. Paul will work to put together a statement that will be sent out requesting submission of maps to be put on display during this week. We will also be looking into a formal Governor's declaration and Mappy Hour event for Wednesday of that week (GIS Day).

State Surveyor Low Distortion Projections (LDPs)

Steve Cobb (state surveyor) came and gave a presentation to the group related to the state of Nebraska's progress on developing low distortion projections for counties. Steve did an excellent job informing the group on the technical specifications on improved accuracy as the result of this effort. The end goal for this project is to minimize grid to ground distortion and make a system (.prj files etc.) that is easy for surveyors and GIS professionals to use. Steve said he would be willing to come to the symposium and lead a session on the topic.

2017 Symposium

The group was asked for ideas on a slogan. No ideas were put forward yet. Need to find a lunch speaker. Formal planning will begin in August.

Other Business

The group was informed and asked to spread about GIS training that will be provided by Ken Wilkerson in Lincoln during July 18-22. There will be a session for beginners and intermediate user levels of GIS. Chad Kudym noted that the Public Service Commission will include GIS staff. And the group also discussed what can be done to help promote the obligation of funds for the development of additional high quality statewide datasets.

Next Meeting

- No Meeting on July 8th because of holiday and ESRI Conference.
- Next Meeting on Aug 5th – likely kick off symposium planning (Sarpy County)

Adjournment

Joe Sather motioned to adjourn, Mark Steele seconded. All approved. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:36pm. The group proceeded to Hop Cat for Mappy Hour!

Paul Hunt: Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary