

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LAND SURVEYORS\

January 19, 2017

The Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors (Board) convened at 9:00 a.m. at 555 N. Cotner Blvd., Lower Level, Lincoln, NE with the following members present:

Richard L. Hansen, Chair  
Mary Pro, Vice Chair  
Jerry G. Hain  
James W. Hawks  
Dennis L. Whitfield  
Steven C. Cobb, Secretary

Others present:  
Gerri Monahan

Public notice of this meeting was given by publication in the *Lincoln Journal Star* on January 4, 2017.

All items voted on were done so in the form of a roll call vote.

The Chair stated that this meeting is being held in compliance with the updated Nebraska Open Meetings Act and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available on the table.

Whitfield reported that so far he not been contacted by the Governor's office for regarding reappointment to the Board.

Moved by Hawks and seconded by Pro that the minutes of the December 1, 2016 Board meeting be approved.

Voting Aye: Hansen, Hawks, Pro, Whitfield, Hain.

Motion carried.

Secretary Cobb presented information about the Nebraska Low Distortion Projections Project (NebLDPs). Cobb talked about linear distortion due to the earth's curvature, projection surface, and ellipsoid (or sea level) surface. This county mapping projection minimizes the difference between distances depicted in a geographic Information System (GIS). LDPs help increase the value of GIS.

The Board further discussed a formal opinion for the Attorney General's office. National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Model Laws and Model Rules definition of land surveying could be used in redefining the question. Whitfield will draft a working document to be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

Moved by Whitfield and seconded by Hawks that the Board give Secretary Cobb authority to contact LS 134 to request appearance at next Board meeting to discuss the business with Land Surveying, Inc.

Voting Aye: Whitfield, Hain, Hansen, Hawks, Pro.

Motion carried.

Whitfield discussed the certificate of authorization (COA) for registered land surveyors and will prepare a draft for Board review.

Legislation and pending bills were discussed.

- LR 546, from last session, was deferred.
- LB 36, Administrative Procedure Act and Critical Assessment Documents.
- LB 127, Opening Meetings Act and Statewide Publication of Notice.
- LB 200, County Surveyors serving as County Highway Superintendent.  
County population increase proposed from 50,000 to 75,000.
- LB 299, Occupational Board Reform Act and provisions to Rules and Regulations.
- LB 364, Professional Landscape Architects Act.
- LB 464, Administrative Procedure Act changes for requirements relating to adoption.

Whitfield moved and Hawks seconded that the Class 3 application of Brandon O. Wood for registration by Surveyor-in-Training be approved and that inasmuch he has demonstrated a knowledge of surveying fundamentals by passing a NCEES examination on December 6, 2016, and that upon receipt of the registration fee in amount of \$20, he be granted registration dated January 19, 2017 under Certificate No. 274.

Voting Aye: Hain, Hansen, Hawks, Pro, Whitfield.

Motion carried.

Whitfield moved and Pro seconded that the Class 2 application of Paul E. DeGraff for registration by reciprocity from Colorado be approved and that he be required to appear before the Secretary of the Board for an interview and land surveyor examination.

Voting Aye: Hansen, Hawks, Pro, Whitfield, Hain.

Motion carried.

Hawks moved and Pro seconded that inasmuch as Michael DeDecker, LS-573, and Frank L. Philips, LS-577, have met the requirements they be granted inactive registration, effective January 19, 2017.

Voting Aye: Hawks, Pro, Whitfield, Hain, Hansen.

Motion carried.

Monahan reported that all but approximately 40 biennium land surveyor registration renewals have been returned to the office.

TO: BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LAND SURVEYORS

FROM: Gerri Monahan

DATE: January 19, 2017

RE: Verification of Professional Development Hours (PDHs) for Registered Land Surveyors

I have reviewed the documentation provided by the following to support the hours claimed on his/her Professional Development Form. The following are the results of my review:

Name	Submitted PDHs	Previous Biennium Carry-over	Total	Carry-Over Recommended next Biennium
Shane Baker, LS-711	31	15	46	15
Lynn Birkel, LS-497	25.5	9.5	35	5
Thomas B. Catlett, LS-502	25	5	30	0

Ryan E. Dickinson, LS-554	31	5	36	6
Cory L. Gross, LS-619	24	15	39	9
Jerry G. Hain, LS-362	17.5	15	32.5	2.5
Stephen L. Humphries, LS-587	30	12	42	12
Ronald M. Koenig, LS-496	31	10	41	11
Thomas L. Krueger, LS 448	37	15	52	15
Danny Joe W. Martinez, LS-498	47.5	15	62.5	15
Roger D. Nelson. LS-701	83	15	98	15
Jerold F. Penry, LS-504	104.5	15	119.5	15
Marc J. Raphael, LS-695	34	11	45	15
Jeffrey S. Ryan, LS-541	42	15	57	15
Deryl D. Sorgenfrei, LS-578	34	15	49	15
William R. Thomas, LS-757	33	0	33	3
Larry A. Van Fleet, LS-505	24	15	39	9
Louis R. Whisonant, LS-421	32	9.5	41.5	11.5

Whitfield moved and Pro seconded to accept the PDH audit report.

Voting Aye: Pro, Whitfield, Hain, Hansen, Hawks.

Motion carried.

Whitfield moved and Hawks seconded to approve Board members Hain, Hansen and Pro as NCEES funded delegates to attend the NCEES Central/Western Zone Joint Interim Meeting, May 18-20, 2017, in Denver, CO.

Voting Aye: Whitfield, Hain, Hansen, Hawks, Pro.

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Hain seconded to approve Board members Hawks and Whitfield as NBELS funded delegates to attend the NCEES Central/Western Zone Joint Interim Meeting, May 18-20, 2017, in Denver, CO.

Voting Aye: Hain, Hansen, Hawks, Pro, Whitfield.

Motion carried.

Whitfield moved and Pro seconded that the December vouchers be approved.

Comfort Suites, Hawks December mtg. lodging.....	78.00
DAS Building Div., November parking.....	15.00
DAS IM Service, November static web hosting.....	20.00
DAS Materiel Div., November postage.....	84.77
Hain, Jerry, December Board mtg. travel expenses.....	34.56
Hansen, Richard, December Board mtg. travel expenses.....	73.44
Hawks, James, December Board mtg. travel expenses.....	244.08
J.P. Cooke Co., Irlmeier, Harris seals.....	50.00
J.P. Cooke Co., freight.....	10.20
Office Depot, October supplies.....	26.48
Whitfield, Dennis, December Board mtg. travel expenses.....	54.00
December Total.....	<u>\$692.53</u>

Voting Aye: Hansen, Hawks, Pro, Whitfield, Hain.

Motion carried.

Professional Land Surveyors Week is scheduled for March 19-25, 2017. A proclamation will be submitted to the Governor's office.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2017 in Lincoln.

Hain moved and Hawks seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

All in favor. Motion carried.

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Steven C. Cobb, Secretary