

NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LAND SURVEYORS

February 20, 2025

The Nebraska 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:

Virlyn S. Bolte, Chair
Jeremy D. Feusner, Vice-Chair
Mary L. Pro
Thomas A. Tremel
Dennis L. Whitfield

Casey Sherlock, Ex Officio Secretary of the Examining Board

Others present:
Bonita Edwards, Lincoln County Surveyor, North Platte
Jason Latzke, Westwood Professional Services, Sartell, MN
Jerry Penry, Deputy State Surveyor
Gerri Monahan, Admin. Asst.

Public notice of this meeting was given by publication in the *Lincoln Journal Star* on February 10, 2025.

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

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

Pro moved and Whitfield seconded to approve the January 16, 2025, Board meeting minutes as presented.

Voting Aye: Feusner, Pro, Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte.

Motion carried.

Feusner moved and Pro seconded that the January expense vouchers be approved:

Bolte, Virlyn, November & January Board Meeting mileage	189.06
DAS IM Services, December web hosting	28.00
DAS Material, December Postage	19.31
Feusner, Jeremy, January Board Meeting mileage	224.00
General Fund Reimbursement, Cont. Svcs., 2 nd Qtr., FY 24-25	1,984.86
General Fund Reimbursement, Rent, 3 rd Qtr., FY 24-25	582.25
Lincoln Journal Star, January meeting notice	10.74
NCEES, member dues 2025	2,600.00
Tremel, Thomas, January Board Meeting mileage	113.40
Whitfield, Dennis, January Board Meeting mileage	<u>70.00</u>
January Total	\$5,821.62

Voting Aye: Pro, Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner.

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that the Board go into executive session at 9:04 a.m. with Sherlock, Penry, and Monahan present to discuss complaints and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person, as such person has not requested a public meeting.

Voting Aye: Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner, Pro.

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that discussion in the executive session would be limited to complaints.

Pro moved and Feusner seconded that the Board return to regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Voting Aye: Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner, Pro, Tremel.

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that no subject matter other than complaints was discussed in the executive session.

Whitfield moved and Tremel seconded that the Secretary send a letter to the land surveyor that the Board received and reviewed their request for red-lined surveys. The Board's position is that the surveys were reviewed with the land surveyor at the January Board meeting, and the terms are reflected in the Settlement Agreement. Two payments for the fine are to be accepted by May 1, 2025.

Voting Aye: Bolte, Feusner, Pro, Tremel, Whitfield.

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Whitfield seconded that the Board go into executive session at 9:45 a.m. with Sherlock, Penry, Monahan, and a licensed land surveyor present to discuss land surveying practices, minimum standards, and land surveyor performance reviews and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person, and as such person has not requested a public meeting.

Voting Aye: Feusner, Pro, Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte.

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that discussion in the executive session would be limited to land surveying practices, minimum standards, and land surveyor performance reviews.

The licensed land surveyor was dismissed at 10:50 a.m.

The Lincoln County Surveyor was dismissed at 11:39 a.m.

The Board took a working lunch from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

Feusner moved and Pro seconded that the Board return to regular session at 1:00 p.m.

Voting Aye: Pro, Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner.

Motion carried.

Feusner moved and Pro seconded to suspend the license of PLS 635 for failure to comply with the Settlement Agreement signed by the licensed land surveyor on September 21, 2024, and the Board chair on 11-14-2024. Request the licensed land surveyor to appear at the March 20, 2025, Board Meeting.

Voting Aye: Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner, Pro.

Motion carried.

Feusner moved and Pro seconded that the Secretary make a phone call to the licensed land surveyor that he/she is suspended as of February 21, 2025, for failure to comply with the Settlement Agreement provisions signed September 21, 2024.

Voting Aye: Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner, Pro, Tremel.

Motion carried.

Feusner moved and Pro seconded to appoint the State Surveyor to investigate the survey filed in the State Record Repository as 1471-009 and report the results at the March Board meeting.

Voting Aye: Bolte, Feusner, Pro Tremel, Whitfield.

Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Certificate of Authorization (COA) documents and guidelines.

Feusner moved and Tremel seconded that the Board ratify the Certificates of Authorization processed since the January Board meeting.

Voting Aye: Feusner, Pro, Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte.

Motion carried.

Feusner moved and Pro seconded to table possible updates to the Board's By-Laws until the March Board meeting.

Voting Aye: Pro, Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner.

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Feusner seconded that the Board go into executive session at 1:15 p.m. with Sherlock, Penry, and Monahan present to discuss NBELS biennial land surveyor license renewals, audits, extensions, and reinstatements.

Voting Aye: Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner, Pro.

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that discussion in the executive session would be limited to NBELS biennial land surveyor license renewals, audits, extensions, and reinstatements.

Feusner moved and Pro seconded that the Board return to regular session at 2:35 p.m.

Voting Aye: Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner, Pro, Tremel.

Motion carried.

The Chair stated that no subject matter other than NBELS biennial land surveyor license renewals, audits, extensions, and reinstatements was discussed in the executive session.

Whitfield moved and Feusner seconded that the Board approve the audits reviewed and determined acceptable and hold ten from approval. Four of the ten will be further discussed at the March Board meeting.

Voting Aye: Bolte, Feusner, Pro, Tremel, Whitfield.

Motion carried.

Whitfield moved and Feusner seconded that the Secretary notify the six individuals that based on the lack of their biennial renewal audit documentation, their land surveyor license status will be canceled on April 1, 2025, and offer the reinstatement option. The six individuals include J Froese, T Hajda, K Huffman, M Johnson, R Kearney, and B Wiegert.

Voting Aye: Pro, Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner.

Motion carried.

Secretary Sherlock reported that a letter will be mailed by March 1, 2025, to licensed land surveyors and inactive land surveyors who have not renewed their license.

The upcoming National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors (NCEES) zone meeting in New Mexico was discussed.

Feusner moved and Pro seconded to approve Tremel, Monahan, and Sherlock as delegates to attend the Central Zone NCEES meeting in Albuquerque, NM, in May 2025.

Voting Aye: Tremel, Whitfield, Bolte, Feusner, Pro.

Motion carried.

Pro moved and Tremel seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Casey C. Sherlock, State Surveyor
Ex Officio Secretary
NE Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors

The mission of the State Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors is to enforce and administer the laws relating to the regulation of land surveying through licensing in Nebraska and to ensure the quality of land surveying in Nebraska for the protection of the public.