



2025 PSAN Summer Conference

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NACO West

102 Diamond Springs Trail, Ogallala, NE 69153

Conference Hosts: Ryan Dickinson & Boni Edwards

Speakers

Roger McEowen

Roger A. McEowen is the Professor of Agricultural Law and Taxation at Washburn University School of Law in Topeka, Kansas. He also teaches in the Agricultural Economics Department at Kansas State University where he also provides Extension programming in agricultural law and taxation.

From 1991-1993, McEowen was in the full-time practice of law with Kelley, Scritsmier and Byrne in North Platte, Nebraska. From 1993-2004, he was an associate professor of agricultural law and extension specialist in agricultural law and policy at Kansas State. From mid-2004 through 2015, McEowen was the Leonard Dolezal Professor in Agricultural Law at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, where he was also the Director of the ISU Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation (CALT), which he founded.



He has published scholarly articles in various legal and tax journals, and is the author of *Principles of Agricultural Law*, an 850-page textbook/casebook that is updated twice annually, and a second 300-page book on agricultural law. His *Agricultural Law and Taxation Blog* contains over 100 detailed and fully annotated articles annually and is the most widely read agricultural law and taxation blog online. In mid-2017, Prof. McEowen's new book, *Agricultural Law in a Nutshell*, was published by West Academic Publishing Co. McEowen also authors the monthly publication,

"Kansas Farm and Estate Law." In addition, he has co-authored Bureau of National Affairs (BNA) Tax Management Portfolios on the federal estate tax family-owned business deduction and the reporting of farm income, and is the lead author of a BNA portfolio concerning the income taxation of cooperatives. He is also the Editor of the Iowa Bar Tax Manual, and *Estate Planning for Farmers and Ranchers* and *Family Business Organizations*, both Thomson-Reuters/West publications, and has a Substack subscription-based publication, *The Rural Practice Digest* which is available at mceowenaglawandtax.substack.com.

Prof. McEowen conducts approximately 80-100 seminars annually across the United States for farmers, agricultural business professionals, lawyers, and other tax professionals. He also

conducts two radio programs each airing twice monthly heard across the Midwest and on the worldwide web. In addition, his two-minute radio program, "*The Agricultural Law and Tax Report*," is heard each weekday by nearly 3 million listeners on farm radio stations from NY to CA as well as SiriusXM 147. He also can be seen as a weekly guest on RFD-TV where he discusses various agricultural law and tax topics with the RFD-TV hosts.

He received a B.S. with distinction from Purdue University in Management in 1986, an M.S. in Agricultural Economics from Iowa State University in 1990, and a J.D. from the Drake University School of Law in 1991.

He is a member of the Iowa and Kansas Bar Associations and is admitted to practice in Nebraska.



Jerry Penry

Jerry Penry has over 40 years of experience in surveying including employment at the private, county and State levels. He has authored numerous articles and has given many presentations dealing with obscure surveying topics. Jerry is licensed in the states of Nebraska and South Dakota and is currently employed as the Deputy State Surveyor at the Nebraska State Surveyor's Office.

Schedule of Events

*****All times Mountain Time Zone*****

6:30 AM – 7:30 AM	Registration
7:30 AM – 7:35 AM	Welcome and Announcements
7:35 AM – 9:15 AM	Best Practices for Corner Ties , <i>moderated by Jeremy Feusner</i>
9:30 AM – 11:15 AM	Nebraska Water & Fence Law , <i>presented by Roger McEowen</i>
11:15 AM– 12:15 PM	Lunch (with program)
12:15 PM – 2:00 PM	Current Real Estate Issues for Practitioners and Policymakers , <i>presented by Roger McEowen</i>
2:15 PM– 4:00 PM	The Garden/Grant County Line Dilemma , <i>presented by Jerry Penry</i>

Programs

Best Practices for Corner Ties, *moderated by Jeremy Feusner*

The Minimum Standards for Land Surveys in Nebraska and Brown's Instruction 86-1 both address corner ties to be made for corners of the Public Land Survey System. Surveying measurement technology, busy roadways, and one-man survey crews have all changed the way in which land surveyors are taking measurements for corner ties. This program will review Instruction 86-1 (for County Surveyors) and the Minimum Standards, along with a group discussion on how we are making ties. The session will conclude with a group field activity.

Nebraska Water and Fence Law, *presented by Roger McEowen*

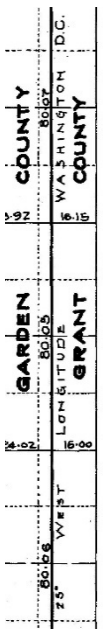
This session focuses on key aspect of Nebraska water and fence law including issues involving the allocation of surface and groundwater for agricultural uses; watercourses as boundaries; the impact of surveys when existing fences don't match a survey; concepts of adverse possession and boundary by acquiescence; and unique issues involving leased land, among others.

Current Real Estate Issues for Practitioners and Policymakers, *presented by Roger McEowen*

This session addresses current "Takings" issues at the U.S. Supreme Court and implications for landowners; water rights in the West; and other current property rights issues.

The Garden/Grant County Line Dilemma, *presented by Jerry Penry*

When Cheyenne County was created in 1871, it originally encompassed the entire south half of the panhandle region. As other counties began to be formed out of that original county, confusion arose when the eastern boundary of this area, as originally stated, was an extension of the 25th degree of longitude west of Washington D.C. from the northeast corner of Colorado. This eastern boundary was an unsurveyed line upon the ground. Grant County's western line became a source of confusion when the Alt survey of the 1890's established it midway through several townships. The Nebraska State Surveyor's Office was called upon to survey the 25th Meridian in 1912 which resulted in the placement of twenty special concrete monuments at one-mile intervals. A court case later established the Garden/Grant County line in a more practical location since ranches were defined by the PLSS and having an arbitrary line bisecting sections was deemed not practical.



Hotel Information

Holiday Inn Express

206 Pony Express Lane

Ogallala, NE 69153

(308) 284-6080

When making room reservations, indicate you are attending the Professional Surveyors Association of Nebraska Conference (not just PSAN) to ensure you receive the group block rate

A limited number of rooms have been reserved until June 13, 2025 for attendees.

PSAN 2025 SUMMER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Friday, July 18, 2025

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PSAN or NSPS Member \$130 _____

Non-Member in Advance \$180 _____

SCC Student \$0 _____

Late Fee (after July 6, 2025) \$15 _____

Additional lunch tickets \$15 _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Thursday Activity (optional)

Crandall Creek Golf Club is offering a discounted rate for PSAN Conference attendees. Get a group of friends together, call ahead, and set up a tee time!

Discounted Rates Offered:

9 holes with cart: \$40

18 holes with cart: \$60

Crandall Creek Golf Club

359 E County Road 85

Ogallala, NE 69153

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