

The seal of the Professional Surveyors of Nebraska is visible in the background. It is a circular emblem with a central figure holding a surveying instrument. The text around the seal includes "PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS", "FOUNDED 1864", and "OF NEBRASKA".

2026 PSAN SUMMER SEMINAR

A grey circular graphic containing the date "JUNE 25" in white text.

JUNE
25

A photograph of the exterior of the Corps of Discovery Event Center. The building is a two-story structure with grey siding and a dark roof. It features a prominent entrance with large glass windows and a covered walkway. The building is situated on a grassy hillside under a clear blue sky. Three tall flagpoles are visible to the right of the building.

CORPS OF DISCOVERY EVENT CENTER
89705 HWY. 81, CROFTON, NE 68730

JUNE 25, 2026

AGENDA

7:30AM-5PM CT

7:30-8:30AM

Registration

8:30-8:35AM

Welcome and Announcements

8:35-10:15AM

South Dakota v Nebraska US Supreme Court Case

Moderated by Tim Gobel

10:30-10:45AM

Cedar County Surveys & Issues Along the Missouri River

Moderated by Tim Gobel & Gene Thomsen

10:45-12PM

Reestablishing the Witness Corner to the Point of Terminus of the 6th Principal Meridian

Moderated by Gene Thomsen

12-12:30PM

Lunch

12:30-5PM

Reestablishing the Witness Corner to the Point of Terminus of the 6th Principal Meridian

Work to be done in the field

JUNE 25, 2026

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South Dakota V. Nebraska US Supreme Court Case

Moderated by Tim Gobel

In South Dakota v. Nebraska, the dispute involved the location of the boundary between South Dakota and Nebraska, specifically concerning a piece of land called Elk/Rush Island. The parties included the states of South Dakota and Nebraska, and certain intervenors who claimed an interest in the property. The conflict arose over jurisdiction and title to the island, resulting in legal actions filed in both Nebraska and South Dakota courts. To resolve the dispute, the parties agreed to a stipulation to avoid litigation and establish a Joint State Boundary Commission for future boundary determinations. The agreement recognized the land as within Nebraska's jurisdiction and acknowledged a previous Nebraska court judgment that quieted title in favor of the intervenors. South Dakota agreed to cede any claims and dismiss its pending action. The procedural history includes the filing of a stipulation and the acceptance of a Special Master's report by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Historic surveys and issues along the Missouri River

Moderated by Tim Gobel and Gene Thomsen

This session focuses on surveys conducted by the Cedar County surveyors along the Missouri River, history of Green Island and how it was taken out by the Flood of 1881, along with the accretion issues that followed.

History of the 6th Principal Meridian

Moderated by Gene Thomsen

In this presentation, I will be covering the history of the 6th Principal Meridian from its starting point to its terminus on the northern border of Nebraska. I will also talk about some of the interesting facts of the survey, the surveyor, and the Meridian bridge spanning the Missouri River. Many years ago, one of the founders of PSAN "Bill Rynearson" gave me his photographs on the construction of the initial point which has never been presented until now. Hopefully you will enjoy seeing how the starting and ending points of the 6th Principal Meridian were monumented.

PRESENTER BIOS

Tim Gobel, PLS 759

Tim has been in the Land Surveying field for 20 years and has participated in boundary surveys in Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Iowa, and Missouri. The majority of the surveys have been along the Missouri River. Tim was first licensed in Nebraska in 2014 followed by South Dakota, Iowa, and Missouri. Since 2017, Tim has been a co-owner of Landmark Surveying, located in Bloomfield, NE, and is the County Surveyor for Cedar County and for Boyd County.

Gene Thomsen, PLS 397

Gene is a life-long resident of Nebraska who grew up on a farm between Fairmont and Exeter, Nebraska. He attended Kearney State College and graduated from Southeast Community College with an Associate's Degree in Civil Engineering and Surveying. He worked in private practice before joining the Nebraska Department of Roads Design Division in 1974. Gene has been a Registered Land Surveyor in Nebraska since 1983 and became a Deputy State Surveyor in 1987. He was in charge of our land surveys for the acquisition of right of way throughout the state. Gene retired in December of 2020 but still holds his survey licence as well as his interest in survey history.

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2026 PSAN SUMMER SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

JUNE 25, 2026

8 PDHS

7:30AM-5PM CT

Registrations must be received by **JUNE 15th!**
Registrations received June 11th or later, will be assessed a \$15 late fee.

Complete and return this form along with payment to:
PSAN, PO Box 83206, Lincoln, NE 68501

Make checks payable to: PSAN

- \$100 PSAN Member Fee
- \$150 Non-PSAN Member Fee
- Free Student - MUST still register
- \$15 Late fee if sent June 15 or later



Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone	
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HOTEL & LODGING INFORMATION

Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites Yankton

501 W 21st St, Yankton, SD 57078

(605) 653-2250

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 1, 2026** for attendees.

[CLICK HERE](#) to book the group rate.

Off Grid Lodging

On the Nebraska side of Lewis and Clark Lake:

Cedar Tree Cabins, 54540 897 Rd, Crofton, NE 68730

(605) 660-4275

Lunch

Lunch will be provided as part of your registration fee.

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