

MINUTES
ACEC/KCA PARTNERING COMMITTEE
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MANHATTAN, KANSAS

Present were John Cashatt, Tom Bennett, Clarence Munsch, Rob Lauer, Bill Brungardt, Steve Glass, Neil Horton, John Walters, Rich Grubbs, Chris Rech, Peter Kemmeter, Nancy Delgado, and Scott Heidner.

The minutes of the May 18, 2006 meeting were accepted as presented.

Grubbs gave a report on the Common Ground Alliance on behalf of Katy Steinbacher. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the committee would pursue getting on the agenda at the LKM, KCA, and City/County Managers Association Annual Conferences.

Cashatt indicated that nobody had located a good project for constructability analysis, and asked the contractors if there was interest in creating a list of contractor companies that are interested in participating in the process, as well as a listing showing the areas of expertise of contractors. Walters said he would pursue the possibility of creating such a list.

Cashatt asked if people were having issues with non-standard specifications. Contractor members said firms that don't work with KDOT or are primarily located out of state often have poor spec sheets. It was agreed that this is an issue ACEC probably can't do much about.

Horton talked briefly about GPS coordination with contract documents and construction. He asked how often engineers are getting requests for GPS ready plans, and are they able to respond to those requests. The consultants indicated that it was not common at this point.

Walters led a review of the original committee partnering document and survey information to see how things have changed. Walters asked the committee if there are topics, new or old, on which the committee needs to focus. Cashatt said project delivery times are a strong concern.

Cashatt asked Horton to put together some guidelines and explanations on contractor use of GPS. Horton said he probably wasn't experienced enough to prepare that document, but Cashatt and Horton agreed to discuss before the next Board meeting and bring something back to the committee. Horton will invite Topcon to make a presentation.

It was agreed to have the next meeting October 19 at Topeka Country Club in Topeka. Walters agreed to make arrangements.