

**MINUTES**  
**KCA/ACEC KANSAS PARTNERING COMMITTEE**  
**November 29, 2007**

Present were Peter Kemmeter, Curt Mader, Chris Rech, John Cashatt, Katy Steinbacher, Doug Wattermath, Tom Ruggles, Tom Bennett, and Bob Totten.

First order of business was the reading of the May 17<sup>th</sup> minutes. They were approved.

Pete Kemmeter then gave an update on the Common Ground Alliance and said everyone should get involved as if we don't participate, the feds will require us to all join. Chris Rech and Peter said there was some concerns about how One Call worked. They were talking about the rejects they get if there Polygram was too narrow in focus when they selected a project to look at. Also there was some concern raised that an additional ticket is generated whenever a project is in two counties. It means another \$1.14 ticket is issued.

Discussion then centered on GPS and there were questions whether or not Ames was using GPS assisted equipment on the Franklin county job. Katy said she believed they were and she thought they were operator assisted. Many said there are some who still do not support or feel comfortable using GPS for their main surveying tool. Pete Kemmeter handed out a survey about the Automated Machine guidance program. It is attached and you can fill it out when you want to and return.

For the next 20 minutes, there was general discussion on various issues including design build, the Missouri approach to the bridge projects and various other topics.

Later, it was agreed Chris Rech will be Vice Chair next year and Tom Ruggles will be succeed Pete Kemmeter as Chair. Peter Kemmeter is retiring from the business this December.

Both Chris Rech and Peter Kemmeter then launched into a discussion about post construction meetings. Katy Steinbacher said it was working well with BRB and supported efforts to get Scott Swanson from KDOT to be the facilitator of these sessions. The basic premise is that projects will get better if there is a post meeting to discuss the project in general.

Another topic discussed was Storm Water runoff. Some wanted them to be more of the KDOT plans. Tom Ruggles suggested that ACEC could be helpful in getting certain storm water items into the plans at KDOT. Many cities are already incorporating the storm water plans into their projects.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting was set for March 7, 2008 at the Prairie Band Casino at 11am in Mayetta, Kansas.