

**MINUTES**  
**KCA/ACEC KANSAS PARTNERING COMMITTEE**  
**MARCH 1, 2007**

Present were Neil Horton, Peter Kemmeter, Curt Mader, Clarence Munsch, Chris Rech, Tom Ruggles, Katy Steinbacher, John Walters, Doug Wattermath, Scott Heidner, Bob Totten and Nancy Delgado.

Pete Kemmeter welcomed members and introductions were made.

The minutes of the October 19, 2006 meeting were accepted as presented.

Neil Horton gave an update on GPS technology. It is cost-effective and time-effective to contractors and its use continues to increase among contractors. It is up to the engineering community to determine opportunities for their use of GPS technology. Discussed concerns of liability of using DTMs. KDOT will be invited to the next meeting regarding spec book changes, etc. John Cashatt and Neil Horton drafted a paper on GPS in construction and it was passed out.

Katy Steinbacher informed the Committee about the presentation made to the KU Masters in Public Administration on Tuesday, February 27, 2007. She handed out copies of the Power Point presentation.

Discussion on design-build centered on three projects in Missouri, either underway or proposed, that are drawing national interest. Their success could have huge implications on how future highway projects are handled. These projects are long-term, with the first completion date around 2010.

Katy gave us a report on the August 16 meeting with the Corps of Engineers.

Nancy passed out an updated list of contractors that had agreed to make themselves available to engineers for peer review and other general information. It is available on ACEC's website.

Bob Totten gave a brief review on the 2007 legislative session regarding one call legislation, prompt pay, etc.

John Walters talked about the KC3 Committee. Everyone received a KC3 newsletter. There will be an exhibit at the State Fair in Hutchinson in September. In this exhibit there will be construction equipment from dealers, grade school building contests, equipment simulators for kids - all in attempt to promote construction careers. KC3 also plans to have high school career days. They also plan to implement a heavy highway vo-tech program at Kaw Area Vo-Tech School. It will be a 30 week course with a maximum of 25 students. It will deal with sitework, form carpentry, rebar, concrete and heavy highway as opposed to commercial building.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 17 at 10:00 AM, Topeka Country Club.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.