

**MINUTES**  
**KCA/ACEC KANSAS PARTNERING COMMITTEE**  
**March 7, 2008, Prairie Band Casino, Mayetta, Kansas**

Present were Curt Mader, Chris Rech, Duane Jackson, John Walters, Bill Brungardt, Dustin Ochs, Katy Steinbacher, Tom Ruggles, Ron Nadvordnik, and Bob Totten.

Tom Ruggles called the meeting to order and the first order of business was self-introductions, followed by reading of the November minutes. They were approved.

Tom Ruggles began the meeting with a discussion of post construction meetings on projects. The Kansas Turnpike association does an excellent job in having post-construction meetings. Chris Rech agreed follow up on getting KDOT to consider the idea at the next partnering meeting of the KCA and KDOT organization, and Tom Ruggles agreed to do the same with the ACECKS/KDOT partnering committee.

The next item of business discussed was the construction staking problem. Many times it appears the surveyors are just going by what the computer tells them with no review of what the stakes in place actually look like. There were also comments that many consulting engineering firms no longer do staking, even on their own projects, so that service is being provided largely by surveying firms. Tom Ruggles said he would bring it up to KSLs (Ks Society of Land Surveyors) to make them aware of the concerns. There was some talk of taking this to the Board of Technical Professions but there was no action taken on doing that. Ron Nadvordnik said that GPS does not work for pavement staking, as it is only accurate to about 2 inches either way.

Next item of discussion was Common Ground Alliance. Katy Steinbach said the CGA is now centered in a group in Johnson County. CGA would be willing to have others in the state but there has not been much interest. Katy also mentioned that all contractors should report their wrong locates to DIRT, which is part of the CGA. There is a web site to document the problems so that a record can be maintained to show the concerns.

Ron Nadvordnik said the worst problem is that utilities don't always do their job in locating their lines. The new Section 100 regulations from KDOT will do a lot to handle this issue, as now a claim may be filed if the utilities delay a project. He suggested that if all units of government follow KDOT regs, that would help a lot in the ongoing problem that contractors have with utilities who seem to let the contractor locate the line after they begin digging.

Erosion control: The basic comment was that a lump sum bid item does not cut it; unit prices should be used for erosion control items. Lump sum might work for small jobs, but the larger ones need to be bid with unit prices. There were also suggestions that shortened bid forms could be accomplished if the owner just wanted to specify blends instead of a specific type of ground cover.

It was reported that Topeka contractors were penalized last week for poor erosion control. It is becoming a bigger problem as EPA is cracking down, which makes KDOT crack down also.

With no other new business, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for the KCEC offices May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, at 10am.

