

MINUTES  
ACEC/KDOT PARTNERING COMMITTEE  
SALINA, KANSAS  
MAY 16, 2006

Present were Neil Rusch, Rick Kreider, Karla Waters, David Church, Mike Stock, Larry Emig, Tom Swenson, David Comstock, Jim Kowach, Sandra Toomer, Mike Bowen, Catherine Patrick, Mike Hess, Mike Olson, David Beach, Scott Uhl, and Scott Heidner.

**It was moved to add a report on FY 10-12 transportation funding under “Other Business”, and to add a report on the partnering conference planning committee. With that change it was moved and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.**

**It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.**

Emig gave the report on the local projects committee, including a handout. Emig gave an update on staffing in BLP and activities of the committee including improving relations with local governments, net fees on supplemental agreements, and using federal funds for design fees on local projects.

Emig reported on the transportation revolving loan fund. Emig’s handout included statistics on projects requested, approved, interest rates, and changes to manuals and forms.

Kowach reported on integrated design, saying they have been working with Information Network of Kansas on the way they provide standards and notify people when standards have been updated. Standards will now be available on the KDOT webpage, allowing people to sign up for electronic notification of all changes. He talked about where integrated design will go from here, and what the next task team may try to accomplish.

Heidner gave the legislative report, talking about transportation funding, eminent domain, and the upcoming legislative elections.

Bowen gave the FHWA report. FHWA is doing a financial report which will be done by the end of June. Another report on consultant procedures is being produced, with help from consultant input, and they hope to have the report produced in July. He announced that Kurt Dunn has left and Don Wilson will be leaving in June. There was discussion on the growing trend of earmarking funding dollars from the federal government.

Kowach reported on efforts of the ACEC/KDOT Annual Conference planning committee. Kowach handed out a draft of the agenda and talked about the reasons behind having each topic on the agenda.

Comstock led a discussion of the future of the partnering committee. The group agreed that there is currently a full slate of topics for the committee to discuss and there is not a need to change the focus or add other duties.

Comstock led a discussion of a future highway plan that will cover 2010 through 2012. There is a plan in the making, which will include mostly smaller projects. KDOT is beginning a process of consulting local entities to get input on where the needs are and build consensus for a plan. KDOT will soon begin to advertise for on call consultants for these projects. KDOT will also have an ad in the Kansas Register for on call engineers to fill individual gaps for KDOT, and will be project specific.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.