

MINUTES
ACEC KS/KDOT LIAISON COMMITTEE
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WICHITA, KANSAS

Present were Rick Kreider, David Comstock, Mike Bowen, Tim Ross, David Beach, Kenzil Lynn, Warren Sick, Neil Rusch, Gary Schock, Dennis Weinrich, Sandra Tommer, Jim Kowach, Mike Stock, Mike Crow, Mike Thompson, and Scott Heidner.

Comstock said he would make the reports where Larry Emig was listed on the agenda. With this, **it was moved and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

Kowach gave an update on annual conference planning. He said the agenda is set and everything is in order. Invitations have been sent out. Comstock urged those present to encourage attendance among their peers.

Crow reported on consistency in design, asking for more input from consultants on areas where KDOT can improve. Consultants are to send examples to Crow, and Kowach will put together an internal team at KDOT to review the materials and search for improvements.

Lynn and Tommer met with contractors to discuss plan format and design information. Lynn had a handout that was distributed at a similar meeting in Missouri. It was mentioned that many of the issues discussed at the meeting are similar to the integrated design efforts (IDE) that have been underway for some time. Kowach reported that those efforts are currently on pause. Lynn and Tommer are going to get the contractor task force back together, and Kowach is going to activate the IDE group.

Comstock reported for Emig on the Local Projects subcommittee. Handouts were distributed and Comstock reviewed the committee's efforts to date, noting they are meeting regularly and seem to be having some success.

Comstock reported for Emig on the revolving loan fund, presenting a handout on the subject with recent changes in bold. Beach suggested that Davis Bacon issues should be followed closely on projects using these funds. If cities and counties are required to follow the provisions of Davis Bacon, it could be very costly.

Heidner gave a legislative update. He addressed an effort to tie license renewal to being current on taxes, the possibility of design-build legislation, and QBS efforts around the state.

Bowen gave the FHWA report. He said there was no progress on the federal transportation funding bill, and Congress was adjourned until September. Bowen also

said the office of inspector general had asked his office to provide a list of all errors, omissions, and change orders from projects for review.

Comstock reported on the efforts of the audit committee. He distributed a handout which shows the goals of the committee, and said assignments had been made to committee members to begin study of several issues.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.