

MINUTES
ACEC/KDOT PARTNERING COMMITTEE
TOPEKA, KANSAS
NOVEMBER 7, 2006

Present were Neil Rusch, Dale Walden, Sandy Toomer, Sue Darling, Mike Stock, Wendell Meyer, David Comstock, Steve Hileman, Jerry Younger, Scott Uhl, Tom Swenson, Mel Chapman, Karla Waters, Dave Beach, Mike Olson, David Church, Ron Seitz, Rick Kreider, and Scott Heidner.

It was moved and seconded to add conference evaluations and next year's meeting dates to the agenda and then approve. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2006 minutes. Motion carried.

Walden gave a report on evaluations from the annual conference. Walden also shared that the hotel has asked for a change of date for next year's conference. Comstock said he will check with KDOT leadership and report back to Dale.

Seitz reported on the local projects committee. He reviewed changes to net fees on supplemental agreements. The committee will meet again to go through some of those changes. Darling said final papers are required within 60 days of project completion, and that's not happening consistently. She asked consultants to make a better effort to get those papers submitted in a timely fashion.

****Make sure Ron Seitz and Jerry Younger are on partnering page, as well as all other KDOT people attending.**

Seitz said 3.72% is the current interest rate for the transportation revolving loan fund. There was nothing else to report on that subject.

Kowach was not in attendance, and had indicated there was nothing new to report on Integrated Design Environment or Development of Electronic Working Group.

Meyer reported on FHWA activities. Meyer said they have not received FY 07 appropriations yet, which affects what the states get as well. There are some new processes for environmental projects. Meyer also spelled out some new requirements on transportation projects under SAFETEA-LU.

Olson reported on Mylar as a final deliverable. Olson talked to other firms about whether or not there is still a role for Mylar other than for archives. Church said there might come a time when Mylar will not be necessary. Hileman said Kansas is the only state he knows of that still requires Mylar. Younger and Comstock said they would look internally at whether or not there was still a need.

It was agreed that meetings in 2007 would be:

February 8 from 10-2 at KDOT headquarters

May 16 from 10-2 in Salina, perhaps at BWR

August 16 from 10-2 in Kansas City at the TranSystems offices

The annual conference planning committee was put together for 2007. Mike Hess, Tom Swenson, Mel Chapman, Ron Seitz, David Church, and Wendell Meyer. Swenson will chair the committee.

Younger said KDOT is going to be rigidly enforcing schedules in years to come because there is not going to be an opportunity to shift schedules. KDOT is significantly short on staff and is depending on consultants to do good quality control to keep projects on schedule.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.