

MINUTES  
ACEC/KDOT PARTNERING COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 18, 2015  
KANSAS CITY

Present were Mike DeBacker, Michael Bowen, Tyler Glissman, Jim Kowach, David Nagy, Calvin Reed, Ron Seitz, Brett Letkowski, Jerry Younger, and Scott Heidner.

**It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2015 partnering committee. Motion carried.**

Action items from the last meeting included continuation of the task force led by Jim Kowach and Tim Ross. Kowach will distribute details of that meeting later in the day.

Seitz gave an update on local projects. Sandra Clark retired in February and Tod Salfrank has taken over supervision of that crew. BLP is working on several projects. GI and KLINK selections are completed, and if they receive final approval they will be announced in September. There are \$6.8 million in available GI funds and about \$6 million in KLINK. High risk rural roads are a little farther out, and they are looking at setting up a 3 year program instead of year-to-year as they have done in the past. There is about \$3 million per year in funding, but that is reliant upon federal funding. BLP no longer requires an original title sheet be submitted with electronic plans.

Bowen gave an update on FHWA. Another short term extension (through October) has been passed to fund the federal highway trust fund. A long term extension is likely before the end of the year. However, the 6 year plans being discussed are only funded for three years. Federal law 23 CFR Part 172 had gone through a lengthy public hearing process and is final as of May 22, 2015. FHWA has had staff out reviewing consultant inspection and they have been happy with the performance they have observed.

Nagy gave a contracts update. Leann Oblander has left for a new position. Paul Alenius might help the contracts section in the future. The federal regulation changes mentioned by Bowen have kept them busy in an attempt to understand and implement. Implementation has to be complete by June, 2016. Younger met with each of the district engineers to discuss budgets and project needs, but there are no projects to announce currently.

Kowach gave an update on the KDOT/ACEC contracts task force. A new standard of care was signed, changes were made to the allowed overtime policy, the possibility of using the PET form was discussed, Ron Seitz was added to the committee, and they discussed a proposed regulation from the Board of Technical Professions about signing and sealing of plans.

Younger gave an update on the state of KDOT budgets and future opportunities. \$8 million was swept from KDOT in the most recent round of cuts. That money came from savings in KDOT's operating fund. At some point when future revenue numbers are clear, KDOT is hopeful some projects that have been pulled may move forward. Recent local consult meetings identified priorities for each region. KDOT may outsource more work as they deal with increased workloads and limited resources. Secretary King and the KTA have just received a report on long term needs, which will facilitate prioritizing for future work.

DeBacker gave a consultants update. He has received a lot of positive feedback on the MASHTO meeting. Consultants remain very interested in future decisions on funding and programming.

Heidner gave a short legislative update, discussing infrastructure funding and the election cycle.

Glissman gave an update on planning of the partnering conference. The program is designed to emphasize partnership between all parties versus project details. They have made slight changes to the schedule for breaks and seating arrangements for lunch.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.