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Present were Ron Seitz, James Dietzel, Earl Harrison, Norbert Munoz, Clarence Munsch, Dennis Slimmer, Catherine Patrick, Cecil Kingsley, Dave Hubbard, Sue Darling, David Nagy, Jim Kowach, and Scott Heidner.

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2013 committee meeting. Motion carried.

Seitz gave an update on the Bureau of Local Projects. Glenn Scott is now the metro engineer in Wichita. Lynn Berges is moving back to the road team and will most likely be a project manager. Adam Fernsler is now the data manager. Jim Hazelton will be moving to the Bureau of Design in bridge management. Brian Engelke has been rehired and will serve as program manager for the local bridge inspection program. BLP has had 3 QC/QA staff, but have been unable to fill two of the positions, so a decision has been made to outsource that work starting in 2014, with about 1,000 inspections per year. RFPs should come out shortly. The RFQ for on call

CE has taken a little longer than anticipated, but progress continues.

Munoz gave an FHWA update. The emergency relief quick release process is being reviewed carefully. They continue to meet challenges on their Buy American provisions. FHWA will be conducting an EDC exchange on intersections and interchange geometrics on December 4.

Nagy gave a contracts update. They held an informational meeting by phone on 7 projects, and feedback on this new process was positive.

Kowach mentioned the contract clause that currently requires approval for overtime. They are not sure it accurately reflects the true cost of overhead in all situations. A discussion was also had on office versus field rates and instances where the two rates are different.

Kowach shared discussions that have taken place in their prequalification group. To be prequalified with KDOT, a firm has to have at least one inspector qualified in the four major categories. KDOT is discussing the actual impact and effectiveness of this policy.

Kowach gave an update on the Division of Engineering and Design. The transportation summit in September went very well. There was a lot of focus on freight, and

a committee will be formed to continue study of that issue. They continue to move ahead with Design/Build on the gateway project. Proposals will be due December 7. Selection is targeted for January 7. Kowach has been working closely with David Jacobson and the Turnpike Authority looking for opportunities for efficiency and improved services. The KDOT facility in Emporia will be rolled into the existing KTA facility. Terry Fleck is officially retired and they are in the process of filling that position.

Munsch will be the ACEC co-chair starting 1/1/14.

Dietzel gave an update on the Annual Partnering Conference. The event went well and evaluations were sent to attendees via e-mail. The planning committee for 2014 will include Dave Hubbard, Mike DeBacker, James Dietzel, and Dennis Slimmer. Slimmer will chair the effort.

2014 committee meetings were announced for February 4 at the KDOT office in Topeka, May 20 at a location TBA, August 26 in the Kansas City area, and October 30 at the Manor Conference Center in Topeka. The Annual Partnering Conference will be October 29 at the Manor Conference Center in Topeka.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.