

MINUTES
ACEC/KDOT PARTNERING
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TOPEKA, KANSAS

Meeting was held at The Maner Conference Center, Topeka Kansas. Present were Tyler Glissman, Dennis Slimmer, David Nagy, Michael Bowen, Ron Seitz, Catherine Patrick, Calvin Reed, Susan Darling, Clarence Munsch, Michael DeBacker, Dave Hubbard, Brent Terstriep, Jerry Younger and Jim Kowach. Minutes recorded by Jim Kowach.

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

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2014 committee meeting. Motion carried.

LOCAL PROJECTS UPDATE: Ron Seitz gave an update for the Bureau of Local Projects. Ron gave an update on the progress setting up an on-call consulting engineering program for federal aid project construction inspection. Ron discussed Changes in the Geometric Improvement (GI) Program including increases in the total program amount, increases in the cap amount, and the local match has changed. He also explained the Connecting Link Program (KLINK) cap has increased from \$200,000 to \$300,000 per project. The local bridge program was announced June 24th, 2014. The program amount was increased from \$10 million to \$10.5 million to approve all responsive requests. A total of 77 applications and 35 removals were approved for funding.

FHWA UPDATE; Michael Bowen indicated that the federal funding program (Map 21 extension) was authorized until December, and had money appropriated until May 2015. A resolution would be needed to continue in December 2014. Mike described the Every Day Counts (EDC) Summit held in St. Louis the previous week. KDOT will focus on 4 primary initiatives:

- Implementation of 3D Engineered Models
- Smarter Work Zones
- Data Driven Safety Analysis
- Ultra-High performance concrete for use in precast panels

Mike Bowen also gave an update on the ET Plus End Terminal issue. The FHWA position prior to the lawsuit decision was that the terminal was still on the approved list. Subsequent to the court ruling, ET Plus has been taken off the market. The ET Plus end terminal can be reinstated once it has been crash tested by an independent lab and passes. Crash Testing is expected to occur early in 2015.

CONTRACTS UPDATE: David Nagy gave a contracts update. KDOT will be using on-call contracts for 42 bridge replacement projects, and will be interviewing for 4 bridge replacement packages.

LOCAL CONSULT UPDATE: Dennis Slimmer talked about the 8 local consult meetings held recently across the state. Jerry Younger discussed the overall meeting turnout and impressions on the need for new projects.

Jim Kowach gave an update for the Division of Engineering and Design. Jim said the ACEC/KDOT task force will continue to work thru issues. Another meeting will be scheduled next month (November).

Scott Heidner was absent and did not give a legislative update as indicated on the agenda.

ACEC update: Clarence Munsch gave an update for the ACEC. Clarence inquired about the reason or policy that prompted changes to the standard contracts. Contracts have not been changed during 2014. A few changes were made last year that were intended to clarify and/or standardize contract language. Many of these issues were discussed with the working task force at the time. Consultants do not renew or get new contracts on a regular basis, so when they did first see changes they thought they were new. KDOT has had three attorneys working on contracts over the past couple of years and each has a differing set of priorities on contract language.

KDOT will compile a summary of changes made in the past few years and write a brief chronological report on why and when the changes were made effective. This list will be shared with ACEC.

KDOT has recently agreed that the clauses added about restricting payment of overhead on the premium portion of overtime will be deleted from future contracts.

Under Other Business growing concerns or upcoming issues include emphasis on erosion control on construction projects, and potential issues next year with the Long Eared Bat being named to the Threatened and Endangered list

Action items:

1. Need to appoint a planning committee for next year's Partnering Conference.
2. Need to establish dates and locations for the Liaison Committee meetings.
3. Pending from previous meeting: Check on class schedule for Retaining Wall Construction Inspection that KDOT wants to implement (subsequent to meeting, class is still under development and no schedule has been determined yet.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.