

MINUTES
ACEC/KDOT PARTNERING COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 28, 2015
TOPEKA, KANSAS

Present were Tyler Glissman, Jim Kowach, Ron Seitz, Norbert Munoz, Catherine Patrick, Mike McKenna, Joe Drimmel, Tyler Glissman, Jerry Younger, Mike DeBacker, Scott King, David Nagy, and Scott Heidner.

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of an item to plan 2016 meeting dates. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Kowach said the task force is going to look at lump sum contracts for possible use the next time a set of design contracts come around. He will add Ron Seitz to the list of those on the task force.

Kowach discussed the state of KDOT funding. The consensus revenue estimating team will meet next month and that number will be critical in dictating how much funding will be available. Revenues are expected to come in under prior estimates.

Kowach said a joint legislative committee meets next week to discuss ongoing proposed reforms to KPERS. Depending on how that legislation does or does not proceed, it could dramatically impact the rate of retirement at KDOT in the immediate future.

Seitz gave an update on Local Projects. Brian Engelke has resigned, he was instrumental in setting up QC/QA efforts. They will reassign duties and try to make it work with the staff they currently have. Program is pretty well established and moving along smoothly. They are working on their high risk rural roads program, having recently announced those projects for the next three years. The Kansas local bridge improvement program continues to work well, with 77 projects done last year and 37 bridges closed. The hope is to continue the program in the future, but it has yet to be officially decided.

Munoz gave an FHWA update. The House has approved a three week extension (their 36th) that will take them through November 20 if it is agreed to by the Senate. There is hope of sending a multi-year transportation bill to the President by Thanksgiving.

Nagy gave a contracts update. There will be a change in the procurement of on call services, with a requirement in place that projects be advertised to all consultants on the on call list. Nagy said their department has moved to the 3rd floor. They have one job advertised currently, and planning is hiring one firm from the on call list.

Kowach gave an update on the Division of Design. They are in the process of setting up a design office in Lawrence. There was general discussion among the committee about flex hours and/or working from home.

DeBacker gave the ACEC report. He discussed the possible upsides of the upcoming lump sum contracts, including the efficiencies and cost savings that might be found. Much discussion was had about future transportation funding sources and opportunities.

Heidner gave a legislative report. He recapped infrastructure funding opportunities, discussed proposed legislation implementing residency requirements for state contracts, and possible efforts to remove licensure requirements.

Glissman led a discussion reviewing yesterday's partnering conference. There were almost 250 attendees. An e-mail survey was sent out to all attendees. Additional break time was included and well received.

2016 partnering committee dates were set for the following:

February 22, KDOT office, 10am
May 10, TranSystems Wichita office, 10am
August 16, HDR Kansas City office, 10am

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Add Ron Seitz to task force
- **invite KTA to join committee, sending someone with seniority
- **reserve room at KDOT HQ on Feb 22
- **check to see if KDOT has any meetings in October that would conflict with scheduling the annual partnering conference