

MINUTES  
ACEC/KDOT PARTNERING COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 22, 2013  
LENEXA, KANSAS

Present were Mike DeBacker, Clarence Munsch, Cecil Kingsley, Greg Allison, Dave Hubbard, Jim Kowach, Terry Fleck, James Dietzel, David Nagy, Brent Terstriep, Ron Seitz, Mike Bowen, and Scott Heidner.

**It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of an update on the annual ACEC/KDOT partnering conference. Motion carried.**

**It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.**

Kowach did a review of action items from the last committee.

Seitz gave an update on the Bureau of Local Projects. The updated on-call system is going to proceed, and BLP is going to work on an advertisement to get the word out. There will be project announcements made soon on several programs, including the geometric improvement program, the KLINK program, the HSIP program, and the federal aid off-system bridge program. Because of the KDOT hiring freeze, BLP has some holes in their staffing due to retirements, so Secretary King has given permission to BLP to fill some critical positions within the bureau.

Bowen gave an FHWA update. The Every Day Counts II (EDC II) Initiative will have a web conference on locally administered projects on September 24 from 1pm to 3pm. The FHWA website has almost 60 instructional videos for owners and service providers.

Nagy gave an update on contracts. He asked for feedback on the idea of consultants sending back hard copies of only the signature pages for contracts, versus sending the entire contract. DeBacker suggested KDOT personnel check with the Florida DOT, as they have an excellent system in place. Nagy encouraged consultants not to put more than was necessary on invoices submitted to KDOT.

Kowach gave an update on the Bureau of Design. The innovation teams (groups helping KDOT and KTA work together effectively) are underway. Kowach is serving on the project delivery and construction contract team. The deadline for teams to finish their work is the end of 2013. KDOT is helping KTA implement a bridge management and pavement management program. The Governor is hosting a transportation summit on September 5. Design has been authorized to fill a small number of positions and is in the process of doing so. Secretary King is authorizing the movement of some positions to an unclassified status. This would be a voluntary transition, employees would have to agree to the change. Implementation of the first 3D projects are ongoing.

Heidner gave a legislative update. The legislature will come back for a special session in early September, but it is not anticipated that anything impacting transportation will be discussed. Heidner encouraged attendees to contact their Senators and urge them to commit to opposing amendments to SB 54.

Dietzel gave an update on the 2013 partnering conference. "Partnering Tools for the Next Generation" is the theme, and it will be held October 23. Dietzel ran through a draft agenda for the program.

Terstriep said the consent decree between KDOT and EPA could be signed as soon as tomorrow. There will be several changes that take effect soon as a result of the situation, and Terstriep said information about those changes will be forthcoming.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.