

MINUTES
STATE DESIGN PARTNERING COMMITTEE
MAY 27, 2021
ZOOM

Present were Brad Austin, Joanna Hankins, Tom Orazem, Matt Casey, Frank Burnam, Jane Huesemann, Bruce McMillan, Cory Wilson, Brian Love, Reily Goyne, and Scott Heidner.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 committee meeting. Motion carried.

Burnam and Riveland gave an OFPM update. They will all be back in the office as of June 14. Burnam is going to try to get interviews to be in person moving forward. Fort Hays State and Pitt State on-calls are pending. The Northeast Kansas Veterans Home project will hire a consultant and start site selection soon. July 1 is the date for their design manual updates. Legislation was passed adding up to \$120 million for renovation of the Docking Building and \$65 million for a KDHE lab. They are trying to figure out the rules of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) to know where they can appropriately use those funds. Costs and bids are coming in higher than estimates, largely due to the cost of raw materials.

Love gave the OSFM update. They are still trying to get code adoption and hemp regulations passed. They will return to the office in mid-June.

Casey gave a Board of Regents update. They have completed a comprehensive deferred maintenance study and a space utilization study. Those documents have been combined into one document and is available to the public. They are now looking for a plan to finance these initiatives. The proposed budget for KBOR varied greatly during the session, but they avoided major cuts in the end.

Goyne gave the AIA update. Three new Board positions will be coming up shortly. Their Annual Conference is upcoming, and she invited all to attend.

Heidner gave the ACEC KS update. They will go back to in-person meetings starting next month with their annual meeting, membership lunches, and ELP programs. They had a good legislative session in terms of both infrastructure

funding and procurement. They have several exciting podcast guests coming up soon.

Heidner and Goyne gave a legislative update. They mentioned several licensing bills, prospective QBS impact of legislation, the University Engineering Initiative Act, and budget impacts.

It was moved and seconded to appoint Austin as Chair and Riveland as Vice Chair. Motion carried.

Austin asked the group if they were aware of any specific QBS issues that needed looking into. None were offered.

It was agreed the group would meet again in October and would do so virtually.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.