



BI-MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 09, 2023, 11:30 a.m.

Location & Time: El Dorado Civic Center, 201 E Central Ave., El Dorado, KS 67042

I. **Welcome and Introductions**

President Kelly Herzet, Butler County Commissioner called meeting to order at 11:39 am. President Herzet introduced Katie Dawes as new primary contact for K-254 needs.

II. **Approval of April 14, 2023, K-254 Corridor Development Association Meeting Minutes**

ACTION TAKEN: Michael Janzen (USD 375) moved to approve the April 14, 2023, K-254 Corridor Development Association Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dee Roths. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. **Treasurer's Report:** David Dillner, Treasure, K254 CDA

Provided an update on the financials stating current balance is \$17,670.30 with no new withdrawals or deposits.

ACTION TAKEN: Michael Janzen (USD 375) moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Dee Roths. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. **K254 Corridor Management Plan Update:** Kristen Zimmerman, PEC

- Public open house on June 27 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm hosted at Circle Middle School.
 - Come and go event with a short power point presentation.
 - The project website will be launched at this time.
 - A public press release and email blasts will be sent to notify the community of the open house, but it is requested that cities and counties also forward and promote event.
- A steering committee has been created to represent all the major stakeholders and issues.
 - Commissioner Herzet will chair committee.
 - First meeting June 27 from 3-4:30 pm at Circle Middle School.

- Kristen will provide a list of members for Katie to email.
- Stakeholder listening sessions will be held June 26 and 27.
 - These are hybrid events allowing people to attend virtually or in person at Circle Middle School.
 - Stakeholder groups include: first responders, utilities, schools, airports, economic development, agricultural/rural, and businesses.
 - Stakeholder groups are asked to focus on issues and opportunities for the short and long term.
 - Kristen will provide a stakeholder lists for Katie to email.

V. Wichita North Junction Project Update: Mike Longshaw, KDOT

- Mike explained the new bridge opened last Wednesday, showing very little morning traffic congestion.
- Once the bridge opened and the “loop around” closed, traffic began backing up to 53rd street.
 - The loop around will now stay open until June 14.
 - Upon closure, a concrete wall will be placed on the ramp to prevent access.
 - Seven message boards have been placed to advise people to take the new bridge access.
- Total project cost was near \$36 million with the new bridge costing approximately \$13 million.
 - Commissioner Meitzner stated that Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita matched 20% of total cost.
- On Monday morning, June 12, the 53rd St. traffic lights will be operational.

VI. Integra Technologies Update: Keith Lawing, Workforce Alliance

- Integra is currently in the process of finishing CHIPS Act application and will submit their final ask.
 - Expecting a response in October.
- Currently interviewing construction companies with a hope of breaking ground the first of October.
- The Workforce will be working with the company on staffing.
- Integra is leveraging Federal and State Government in APEX funding to assist with project.

VII. Community Updates

- Michael Janzen – Circle – They are three days out from the end of school and everything has been removed from Benton Elementary. They are moving into the new building the 2nd week of July.
- Tim Potter – KDOT - the 15-mile realignment between Hutchinson and Sterling will be opening soon.
- Captain Andrews – Butler County - there is a steady rise of minor injuries at major intersections, they are working to be more visible and slow people down.
- Darryl Lutz- Butler County – Ohio St. south of K-254 is in its right-of-way phase and looking at putting in a truck roundabout. There will be a reconstruction project at the refinery towards the end of 2023 or first of 2024 that will be going out for bid.
- Dee Roths – As the wheat begins to yellow you will be seeing more tractors and combines out within the next week. Be on the lookout.
- Kamme Sroufe – Kechi – Kechi is working on a sewer and water master plan and getting construction estimates for a parks plan.
- Senator Mike Fagg stated the senate districts will be redistricting next year. He also wanted to emphasize that the state is helping more with housing than it ever has and encourages cities to look at available funds.
- Sean Fox – Park City – Council established a STAR bond district at the Echo Hills Golf Course. The city is also working on a parks master plan. They will also be getting a second casino.
- Mayor Jim Benage – Bel Aire – The Woodlawn Expansion Project should open up in August and fully finish in the fall. Bel Aire Recreation Center is hosting an open house June 27 to discuss a parks plan.
- Chad Parasa – WAMPO – Working on a “Safe Streets for All” grant.
- David Dillner – El Dorado – Conducting a housing assessment, will be updating stormwater, and starting a transportation plan soon. Will be tearing up and making improvements to Central Ave. with BASE grant funds.

VII. Adjourn

ACTION TAKEN: Scott Rickard (El Dorado) moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Darrell Atteberry (Bel Aire). MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEXT MEETING: August 4, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. Location to be determined.

Members in attendance:

Attendee Name	Title	Organization
Braden Moore	Chief of Police	City of Kechi
Chad Parasa	Executive Director	WAMPA
Darrell Atteberry	Chief of Police	Bel Aire
Darryl Lutz	Director of Public Works	Butler County
David Alfaro	Director	Butler County
David Dillner	City Manager	City of El Dorado
Dee Roths		Roths Farm
Glen Scott	Engineering	KTA
Greg Davied	Council Member	City of Bel Aire
Gregg Lewis	Commissioner	City of El Dorado
Jim Benage	Mayor	City of Bel Aire
Kamme Sroufe	City Administrator	City of Kechi
Katie Dawes	Executive Director	REAP
Keith Lawing	President & CEO	Workforce Alliance
Kelly Herzet	Commissioner	Butler County
Kristen Zimmerman	Planner	PEC
Michael Fagg	Senator	State of Kansas
Michael Janzen	Asst. Superintendent	Circle/USD 375
Mike Longshaw	Metro Engineer	KDOT
Pete Meitzner	Commissioner	Sedgwick County
Sandi Willis	Sr. VP	Community National Bank
Scott Rickard	City Engineer	City of El Dorado
Sean Fox	City Administrator	City of Park City
Thomas Bevan	Director of Public Works	City of Kechi
Tim Potter	Public Affairs	KDOT
Walker Andrews	Captain	Butler County
Will Carpenter	Representative	State of Kansas