



KAA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 04, 2024

Attendees:

Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance
Ray Seif	Yes	Mark Ostmeyer	Yes
Roger Hrabe	Yes	Brian Palmer	Yes
Corey Keller	Yes	Shelli Swanson	Yes
Scott Wagner	Yes	Matt Jacobs	Yes
Shanna Walker (Academic member)	Yes	Cory Davis	Yes
Brad Parker (BHL)	Yes		

Nonmembers present Travis Lowe, Courtney Smith

I. Call to order.

- a. The meeting was called to order by Scott Wagner at 1:30 p.m. Scott adjusted the agenda to put the BHL update before everything else.

II. BHL Update

- a. Travis Lowe reported that the Legislative session was going to kick off Monday January 8, 2024. There were 700 bills from the last session to be introduced and another 700 to 1000 new bills that will be introduced. Travis reported on the plan that was submitted to the Governor’s office that would increase KAIP from \$5 million to 15 million dollars. This would be in statute so it would be the amount that would be transferred from the Highway fund every year once passed. The strategy that was discussed with Joel Skelley, KDOT Director of Policy, was to change the wording of SB272 to reflect the \$15 million increase since this bill was introduced last session and it is a budget bill it would be a good vehicle to push the increase through legislation. We can ask the Ways and Means committee to schedule a hearing on that bill. At the time of the hearing, we could give a presentation discussing the needs that the joint task force and Garver discovered this past year. At the time of the hearing, we could provide written and oral testimony for the bill. SB272 was the \$18 million bill introduced by Senator JR Clays this would make the changes to that existing bill giving this a path forward through legislation. Cory Davis reported that Travis carried the message well. Shelli made a motion to support the KDOT proposal of increasing KAIP to the \$15 million presented by Travis Lowe. Corey seconded the motion everyone was in favor of the motion.
- b. Brad reported that \$6,700.00 has been collected in membership fees for the current year and 52 members as of the meeting 41 voting, 7 corporate, 2 non-profit and 2 associate members. There were 21 members form 2023 that had not renewed as of the meeting. Brian Palmer reported that there were a bunch of

emails sent to him of automatic renewals that were declined. He wondered if there was a report and who would be reaching out to them. Brad was going to check into what happened.

III. Approval of the meeting minutes.

- a. The minutes of the December 5, 2023, meeting was approved. Motioned by Mark and seconded by Shelli and all approved.

IV. Committee Updates

- a. Conference Committee Report: Matt reported that he followed up and notified the cities of the selection results for RFP's submitted for the KAA conference. Topeka will host 2024, Garden City 2025, and Lawrence 2026. Matt reported that the date for the 2024 conference was targeting October 9th, 10th, and 11th. Matt spoke to Topeka representatives about what was needed for the conference preparing them for initial discussions. Matt was going to update the committee on the date selected so they could start meeting to begin the process.
- b. Nominating Committee: Ray Seif reported that he has taken the position of KDOT Aviation Director which would leave a vacant position open on the board. Shelli reported according to the KAA bylaws the board could appoint a member to fill the position. Shelli reported that based on previous appointed positions board members went back to the previous election and asked the next highest voted person if they still wanted to be on the board. Pat Schettler with Garnet was next along with Jerry Daniels. Matt was going to follow up with Pat to see if he wanted to fill Ray's position. Matt was going to report back to the board on what Pat decided.
- c. Legislative Committee: Shelli reported that there were 25 potential sponsors and Brad Waller agreed again to reach out to those sponsors to see if they would be willing again to help fund KAA's legislative efforts to increase KAIP funding. Shelli reached out to Blake with BHL to make sure that the link used last year was working. Shelli had not heard back and asked Brad Parker to follow up.
- d. Scholarship Committee Membership: Shanna reported there were two scholarship recipients. Shanna sent out emails back in December notifying them and both replied that they were excited about receiving the scholarship. Both have reached out to Brian and he has confirmed with the students and the money will be going out to them tomorrow. Shanna reported that she invited both to the KAA conference in the Fall.
- e. Membership Committee: Matt reported that the renewal notices have been sent out. The next meeting would be sometime this month; however, he was not sure if Mark had set that date yet. The next follow up action was for committee members to call prospect Airports which would be in March. Then in May a second call would take place for those people on the list.

V. Treasurers report.

- a. Brian reported that two \$1,500.00 scholarships were going to be paid out. Working on getting the legislative affairs stuff paid. The normal BHL payments were paid. Brian reported the 4 renewal notices that did not go through back to BHL. Brian mentioned it was good to see earlier payments instead of waiting until later in the year. Nothing else was reported.

- VI. KDOT update
 - a. Cory Davis reported his role in an upcoming Economic Lifeline presentation. Courtney Smith reported that they will be meeting to review r projects submitted FY24 and Ray should be able to participate in the process. Funds would be available for FY25.
- VII. Upcoming Events
 - a. Economic Lifelines Shelli was going to confirm everyone's email so they can receive the emails.
 - b. Aviation Day in the Capital. Scott and Shelli confirmed they would be at the booth. Corey confirmed tentatively. Scott asked about swag and Shelli was going to confirm we still have enough.
 - c. Transportation Day is March 6, 2024
- VIII. Other Business: None
 - a. Scott requested representation for SB 272 if needed. Brian, Shelli, Scott, Roger, and Corey confirmed if needed.

Scott requested a motion to adjourn Brian made the motion Corey seconded all were in favor.