

**Nebraska LTAP
Advisory Committee Meeting
2/20/2009**

Present:

Dan Cady	Don Neary
Russell Daehling	Dalyce Ronnau
Elmer Hessheimer	Ron Scholz (guest speaker)
Ray Hogrefe	Larry Shafer
Bob Hyberger	Curt Smith
Valerie Lefler for	Mary Stevens
Larry Rilett	Gary Story
Justin Luther	Ed Wootton
Terry McAuthur	Tim Weander
Ray Moore	

Absent:

Bill Cook	Jim Wilkenson
Dennis Smith	

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Director John Craig
Dean Elbert Dickey

Update Since Last Meeting:

Dan Cady began the meeting by asking each person to introduce themselves and their organization affiliation.

Ron Scholz, Husker Sports Network sponsorship specialist, briefed the board on the various activities of the Husker Sports Network. In the past, Pinnacle Sports hosted and owned all UN sports rights. Husker Sports Network is a division of IMG and now partners with the University of Nebraska. IMG handles all aspects of Husker sports including broadcasting of games, marketing, bowl trips, football 101, Memorial Stadium video monitor boards, the coaches shows, and printing all media concerning UN sports. They also assist with public awareness for various organizations, for instance, NDOR, NE State Patrol and the Office of Highway Safety. Dan Cady commented Husker Sports Network and IMG could be helpful with High Risk Rural Roads issues and information.

Valerie Lefler, coordinator with the Nebraska Transportation Center, reported on the progress of the Whittier renovation. Construction should be completed by summer 2010. The old Whittier school is considered a historic building and many of those architectural details have been retained. Renovation of the auditorium will be done in the future and then may be used for conferences. The Nebraska Transportation Center has included space for Nebraska LTAP and the two will co-located. NE LTAP will continue to remain under the leadership of Dean Elbert Dickey and UNL Extension.

Each member received handout materials including NE LTAP's '08 PAR report. This report is a summary of NE LTAP's efforts for the year 2008. The report does not contain all of the work done in 2008. Due to time constraints, Dan Cady was unable to include all of his efforts. Also among the materials was a booklet titled "LTAP/TTAP: 25 Years of Service". The Nebraska LTAP was organized in 1985 and one of the first training workshops held was the Motor Grader Operators Short Course.

Dan provided a breakdown of the Stimulus bill that is earmarked for Nebraska.

- 1) NDOR will receive 67% for roads, bridges and enhancement.
- 2) MPOs, cities & counties will receive 30%, sub-allocated by population.
- 3) NDOR, cities, counties, NRDs & NGPC (discretionary by NDOR) will receive 3% for enhancements set-aside.

Don Neary and Bob Hyberger provided the board with an update on the 2009 Asphalt Conference held in Kearney, NE 2/17-2/18/09. Evaluations from the conference were excellent and this year's conference was considered one of the best. 247 attended, included in that number was 4 LTAP staff and 17 speakers. There were 9 vendors with several people manning their individual booths. Among the awards presented were awards for "Excellence in Asphalt" and a "Smoothness" award.

Dan Cady informed the board on progress with the LPA schools. The schools will be 5 days in length and will cover various topics. The training manual is almost completed with focus on "right of way", "NEPA" and "erosion control". This training is for the local public agencies' responsible person in-charge. That person must be employed by the agency full-time. A test training session will be held at the NE LTAP training facility April 6-10, 2009 followed by training at Mahoney State Park May 4-8, 2009. Ogallala and Kearney are to be announced. The object is to train people as quickly as possible. In the interim, NDOR will step in and provide necessary guidance for the LPA's.

Erosion Control remains the focus for **Dennis Smith**. Two types of training are available, Erosion Control for Inspectors and Erosion Control for Designers. This training is for industry, counties and cities, NDOR and even airports. All attendees who pass will receive a certificate upon completion. Because of the Erosion Control program, all regulations are consistent and there is not any deviation in regulations from agency to agency. There are 5 Erosion Control classes scheduled for this year, the first one was on February 19. More classes will be scheduled as the need arises.

Many of the board members are already familiar with NE LTAP's new on-line registration module, Odie. The same group who provided NE LTAP with DACS also developed Odie. This group is located within ESU 10 in Kearney. DACS and DACS tickets were formulated as a better process for gathering information for various LTAP reports.

Other Events Attended/Held/or Scheduled:

- 1) Construction Contract Administration held in Grand Island (12/16 & 17/08) and Lincoln (12/18 & 19/08).
- 2) One-day Motor Grader Operators Short Course for York County – 12/3/08.
- 3) Dan attended the NLTAP, TRB winter meeting in Washington DC 1/10-12/09.
- 4) 2009 Bridge Inspector Refresher training at NE LTAP facility (4/14-16/09) and in Kearney (9/29-10/1/09).
- 5) Highway Superintendent Pre-Exam held in Kearney – Spring (3/2-4/09), and Fall (9/2-4/09).
- 6) Dan Cady will present at the Nat'l Assoc. of County Engineers in Peoria, IL 4/17-23/09.
- 7) 2009 NE Chapter APWA Spring conference held at the ARDC in Mead – 5/21/09.
- 8) APWA North American Snow conference held in Des Moines, IA – 4/26-29/09.
- 9) 2009 NLTAPA conference held in Pittsburg, PA. **Dan Cady will be installed as president of NLTAPA – 7/26-30/09.**
- 10) Mine Safety & Health conference held in Kearney, NE – 2/18/09.
- 11) LTAP Region 7 & 8 conference held in Kansas City, MO – 6/3-4/09
- 12) Work continues on the High Risk Rural Roads.
- 13) Motor Grader Operator Short Courses – to be announced.
- 14) Technical Assistance is provided by all NE LTAP coordinators upon request.

Events Scheduled for 2010:

- 1) The Nebraska chapter of APWA will hold the North American Snow conference.

The next Advisory Committee meeting date, time and location will be announced; most probably in May or June. Lunch for the Advisory Committee will be provided during the business meeting.