

SUDAS Central Region Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by John Gade.

Present:

Tom Vlach, City of Des Moines
Darwin Larson, APAI
Aaron Jarosh, City of Grimes
Larry Workman, City of Pleasant Hill
Lee Shepard, ICPA
Jay Waddingham, Franklin County
John Peterson, Peterson Planning Strategies
Danny Knispel, City of Altoona
Steve Naber, City of Des Moines
John Gade, Strand
Eric Johnsen, Iowa DOT
Ben McAlister, City of West Des Moines
Jeff May, City of Clive
Amy Quartell, City of Ankeny
Brad Hopkey, Foth
Micah Loesch, Iowa DOT
Sarah Okerlund, Iowa DOT

David Bovee, Olsson
Michael Mitchell, JEO
Leilah Armstrong, Iowa DOT
Nick Frederiksen, ISG
Dean Sayre, City of Ames
Daniel Harness, Iowa DOT
Steve Klocke, Snyder & Associates
Joey Whitehouse, ISG
Kristin Brostrom, City of Urbandale
Sean Murphy, City of Oskaloosa
Rudy Koester, City of Waukee
Nichole Sungren, MSA
Lauren Deschaine, HDR
Larry Stevens, HR Green
David Carney, SUDAS
Beth Richards, SUDAS

I. Administrative

A. Meeting minutes

The motion to approve the minutes was made by Sean Murphy and seconded by Brad Hopkey. The motion was approved.

B. Schedule of meetings

A proposed schedule of regional meetings for 2026 was presented. The committee concurred with the proposed meeting schedule.

C. Board of Directors meeting

A summary of the actions taken at the May Board meeting was presented.

II. Design Manual Items

A. Determining structure diameter (Section 2C-3)

Additional proposed revisions after the April regional meetings and May Board meeting. The motion to approve was made by Steve Naber and seconded by Rudy Koester. The motion was approved.

B. Asphalt mixture design criteria (Design Sect 5D-1 and Spec Sect 7020, 1.02 and 1.04)

Suggest deleting table from Design section since it is also included in the Specs. The motion to approve was made by Sean Murphy and seconded by Rudy Koester. The motion was approved.

C. Deleting duplicated spec figures (various)

Propose deleting spec figures that are duplicated in the design manual. The motion to approve was made by Sarah Okerlund and seconded by Rudy Koester. The motion was approved.

III. Specifications Manual Items

A. Sewer video inspections (Section 4060, 2.01 and 3.02)

Adding further clarifications to better ensure quality of video inspections being performed. The motion to approve was made by Brad Hopkey and seconded by Jeff May. The motion was approved.

B. Intake bid item clarification (Section 6010, 1.08, B)

The paved area inside the curb that leads into the opening for the intake is not listed in any of the bid item "includes" language. Will need to revise the figures as well. The motion to approve was made by Rudy Koester and seconded by Brad Hopkey. The motion was approved.

D. Area intakes (Figures 6010.511-513)

Changing terminology from “form grade” to “rim elevation.” On Figure 6010.513, call out a rim elevation rather than the top elevation. The motion to approve was made by Ben McAlister and seconded by Danny Knispel. The motion was approved.

E. Slope (Section 7030, 3.08, A, 2)

Changing reference to spec figure rather than design section. The motion to approve was made by Rudy Koester and seconded by Brad Hopkey. The motion was approved.

IV. Other

A. Discussion items

- **Concrete cure compound/shop drawing review acceptance.** Informational item; no comments.
- **Concrete testing - beams or cylinders?** No comments.
- **Remove slump testing from slipform paving?** Iowa DOT has removed slump testing; ICPA has proposed revisions.
- **Gravel road/shoulder specs.** Would be particularly useful for smaller cities. If anyone has any examples, please send them to us.
- **PEX pipe?** Received mixed comments at last meetings. Waukee - only on curb shutoff valve side; comes into play for 2”+ service lines and really long service lengths. Ankeny also allows (Amy will check with water department).
- **Dowel bars?** Email from Rob Kline (suppliers don’t have dowel bars smaller than 1”). Lee says more suppliers are starting to get the 3/4” bars in and suggests we don’t change right now.
- **Form grade** - Iowa DOT uses “form grade” terminology in their bid sheets.
- **Other?** None.

B. Iowa Public Works Service Bureau update

An update on the project was presented.

C. Products and/or research

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am. Minutes recorded by Beth Richards, SUDAS Program Specialist.