



US Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition

Working together to enhance safety, reduce congestion and maximize economic development along the US Highway 169 inter-regional corridor.

Membership Board Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chair, Mr. Hovland.

Members Present:

Name	Title	Agency
Jim Hovland	Mayor	City of Edina
Jon Ulrich	Commissioner	Scott County
Lezlie Vermillion	Assistant County Administrator	Scott County
Lisa Freese	Transportation Manager	Scott County
Tom Hulting	Council Member	City of Bloomington
Jim Gates	Deputy Director Public Works	City of Bloomington
Vance Stuehrenberg	Commissioner	Blue Earth County
Alan Forsberg	County Engineer	Blue Earth County
Ed Shukle	City Administrator	City of Jordan
Bob Oberle	Mayor	City of LeSueur
Mike Laven	Council President	City of Mankato
Warren Erickson	Council Member	City of Prior Lake
Jane Kansier	Director of Bldgs/Trans Svs	City of Prior Lake
Terry Genelin	R-9 ACT	Region 9 Development Commission

Name	Title	Agency
Janet Williams	Mayor	City of Savage
John Powell	Public Works Director	City of Savage
Mark McNeill	City Administrator	City of Shakopee
John Schmitt	Mayor	City of Shakopee
Michael Leek	Community Dev Director	City of Shakopee
Lewis Giesking	Director of Public Works	City of St. Peter
James Stenson	Commissioner	Nicollet County
Seth Greenwood	Public Works Director	Nicollet County
Doug Weiszhaar	Corridor Advocate	WSB Engineering
Sue Beckman	Program Specialist	Scott County
Michael Beer	Design Build PM	Mn/DOT
Mark Olson	Contractors PM	McCrossan/Kraemer
Susan Youngs	Public Information Coordinator	McCrossan/Kraemer

1) Welcome/Introductions

Chair Hovland welcomed the Board members and guests. Members and guests provided introductions to the group.

2) Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor John Schmitt to approve the agenda. Terry Genelin seconded the motion, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

3) Adoption of Minutes

Commissioner Jon Ulrich motioned for the approval of the November 18, 2010 meeting minutes. Council President Mike Laven seconded the motion, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

4) Acceptance of the Financial Report

Ms. Lisa Freese presented financial statements for November and December 2010. Ms. Freese pointed out that there are only three remaining members that have not paid the 2011 dues, which is exceptional. Ms. Freese requested acceptance by the Board.

Council Member Warren Erickson motioned for approval. Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg seconded the motion, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

5) Educational Program

US169/I494 Interchange Design Build Update

Michael Beer, Mn/DOT, Design Build Project Manager

Mark Olson, Contractors Project Manager, C.S. McCrossan/Kraemer

Susan Youngs, Public Information Coordinator, C.S. McCrossan/Kraemer

Ms. Freese will coordinate with Susan Youngs on the ground-breaking Open house and possibly combining with the April US 169 Coalition Board Meeting.

6) Recommendation and Adoption of 2011 Insurance Waiver

The Executive Committee recommended to the Board that the Coalition does not waive the Tort Liability for the 2011 insurance year. Council Member Warren Erickson made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mayor Bob Oberle seconded the motion, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

7) Adoption of 2011 Election of Officers

The following members were slated as officers for the year 2011, at the November 2010 Board meeting.

Chair – James Hovland, Mayor, City of Edina

Vice Chair – Jon Ulrich, Commissioner, Scott County

Secretary – Michael Laven, City Council, City of Mankato

Treasurer – Tom Hulting, City Council, City of Bloomington

Based on the slate of officers presented the Executive Committee made no recommendation. Mayor Jim Hovland opened the floor to more nominations. No additional nominations were made. Mayor Hovland requested acceptance by the Board. Mayor John Schmitt made a motion to approve the recommendation. Terry Genelin seconded the motion, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

8) Corridor Advocate Update

Mr. Weiszhaar passed around US 169 lapel pins to the Board members. Members are to contact Sue Beckman if they would like additional pins. Doug also completed a tri-fold brochure for members to hand out when speaking to prospective members. Sue Beckman will email the Board members an Adobe pdf of the document.

Mr. Weiszhaar wanted to talk about an incident that happened last month. Mr. Weiszhaar was asked to provide a letter of support on behalf of the Coalition for a TED grant application. Mr. Weiszhaar then forwarded the request on to the Executive Committee who reluctantly provided a letter of support as the requestor was on a deadline to get the application in. Mr. Weiszhaar discussed this with the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee recommends the following to the Board:

In circumstances where the Board cannot act upon a request at a regular meeting, the Executive Committee is authorized to provide support for projects on the Corridor Plan list, for which state or local funding is sought by one of the Corridor members. Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg made a motion to approve. Council Member Warren Erickson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

At the Executive Committee meeting Commissioner Ulrich thought it might be a good idea to have a plan that there be a recruiting event once a month, which would occur the same day as the monthly Board meetings, in the area where the meeting is located for that month. The recruiting could be 2-3 hours, with a goal to meet with Townships, Chambers, and potential businesses.

Mr. Weiszhaar requested that members please forward contact information of perspective members to him by email. Mr. Weiszhaar encourages members to invite him to future club meetings to speak at about the US169 Coalition and membership.

9) Technical Committee Report

2011 Meeting Schedule - the February meeting will be at Scott County and the educational speaker will be Kathy Schmidlkofer, Transition Director for MSP REDP.

The Technical Committee will also be presenting the DRAFT project priorities matrix. Each member will have a chance to review their project priorities and provide feedback before the March Board meeting. The plan is to have a final draft matrix at the March 10th Board meeting.

The Technical Committee is recommending that members have a Day at the Capitol in early March where the members would meet with legislators. This may be in addition to the regularly scheduled meeting. Possible locations to have the Day at the Capitol would be: League of MN Cities room, meeting room at Mn/DOT or the State Capitol Building. A suggestion was made to have a meeting with the Governor at 3:00 pm and then an open house with legislators from 4-6 pm, possible Mike Beard could help set up the meetings.

We are also looking for potential tour opportunities for 2011. Please contact Lisa Freese or Sue Beckman with any suggestions.

If there are suggestions for upcoming meetings or would like to host a meeting, please contact Lisa Freese or Sue Beckman.

Roster Update - Sue Beckman will be updating the member list in the next few weeks. She will be emailing each member with the current contact information on file and verification and/or changes, if necessary.

10) Other Items

The Executive Committee is recommending that the Executive Committee be extended to five officers. The additional officer would be a 2nd Vice Chair position. Mayor Hovland said that the second Vice Chair position should be held by a member on the south end of the corridor. This would provide for coverage at meetings where possibly the current Chair and Vice Chair could not attend. Mayor Hovland requested a motion to amend the Bylaws to add the second Vice Chair position to the Executive Committee. Mayor John Schmitt made a motion to approve. Mayor Bob Oberle seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

The Bylaws will be amended and presented at the February 10, 2011 Board meeting. Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg of Blue Earth County has expressed interest in holding the second Vice Chair position. The nomination will be name at the February 10, 2011 Board meeting.

11) Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on February 10, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Scott County Government Center

12) Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Beckman, Scott County Program Specialist