



## **US Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition**

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

### **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**January 14, 2010**

Present: John Ulrich, Jim Gates, Ed Shukle, Neil Peterson, Michael Leek, Tom McLaughlin, Tom Hulting, Lisa Freese, and Sue Beckman

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Vice Chair, Mr. John Ulrich

- 1) Welcome and approval of Agenda – John Ulrich, Chair, Scott County Commissioner
- 2) Financial Report – The financial report through November 30, 2009 was distributed and reviewed. Thus far eight communities have paid their dues for this year with several more being paid in January. There are expenditures for software, web hosting and Sue Beckman's time for support to the committee.
- 3) Meeting Schedule – There was a discussion in regards for a possible change to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month for the Executive meeting and Board meeting. The Executive group will address this possible change to the Board for discussion.
- 4) Website Maintenance – Jim Gates identified an individual, Eric who is willing to do website maintenance for the coalition. Sue Beckman could possibly do some of the maintenance. Lisa Freese requested that Jim Gates get a proposal from Eric and email to her for her review. The committee will review this option in February.
- 5) Executive Committee Vacancy – Rod Axell has resigned his position on the Executive Committee. Lisa Freese will check the bylaws in regards to the process that needs to be followed for filling his position. The committee will present this to the Board for discussion.

- 6) One Pagers – Jim Gates brought a draft one pager for the group to review. The group agreed the document looked good and proposed the following changes: shift labeling on roadway partnership map and add the 169 Coalition website to the document.
- 7) Legislative Outreach Proposal – Neil Peterson presented a request for permission to interact during the Legislative Session on behalf of the Coalition and also to become a member and get involved in the Transportation Alliance. After a lengthy discussion by the committee no agreement could be reached by the committee. Neil Peterson withdrew his request.
- 8) Alternate Meeting Location – the committee discussed the possibility of having the Executive and Board meetings at an alternate location or locations on the 169 corridor. The committee's recommendation to the Board will be to continue to use Scott County as the primary location and to have a second Southern location in either Belle Plaine or LeSeuer, possibly having the meetings in the alternate location once a quarter.
- 9) Corridor Advocate Update – Neil Peterson presented a request for permission to interact during the Legislative Session on behalf of the Coalition and also to become a member and get involved in the Transportation Alliance. After a lengthy discussion by the committee no agreement could be reached by the committee. Neil Peterson withdrew his request. Mankato has a Power point presentation that Neil can use to present. It will be revised and given to Neil. Neil stated that it is very difficult to get anyone that he is able to get a meeting with to take the time to look at a Power Point presentation. It is important to talk to potential new members about; Why the 169 Coalition exists, What the transportation issues are up and down the 169 corridor, Why they would want to join the coalition and what the benefits are for them. Interacting with the legislature was not part of Neil's job description. If the committee would like to include that in the job description and official change would need to be made to the work plan. Neil thinks it is beneficial for the Coalition to become a member of the alliance and Neil would attend. Neil will provide the committee with the membership rate and the level of participation that the Coalition would be allowed.
- 10) Technical Committee Report – there is no update at this time as the committee did not meet this past month. The next Technical Committee meeting will take place on February 4<sup>th</sup>. An update will be provided at the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

11)The Executive Board meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Sue Beckman, Scott County Program Specialist