



# 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

**June 14, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair, Commissioner Ulrich.

Members Present:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency</b>
<b>Jon Ulrich</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Scott County</b>
<b>Lisa Freese</b>	<b>Transportation Manager</b>	<b>Scott County</b>
<b>Tom Hulting</b>	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>City of Bloomington</b>
<b>Jim Gates</b>	<b>Deputy Director Public Works</b>	<b>City of Bloomington</b>
<b>Vance Stuehrenberg</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Blue Earth County</b>
<b>Ron Jabs</b>	<b>Board Representative</b>	<b>City of Jordan</b>
<b>Ed Tschida</b>	<b>Le Sueur Development Corp</b>	<b>City of Le Sueur</b>
<b>John Weckman</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Louisville Township</b>
<b>Warren Erickson</b>	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>City of Prior Lake</b>
<b>Jane Kansier</b>	<b>Director of Bldgs/Trans Svcs</b>	<b>City of Prior Lake</b>
<b>Terry Genelin</b>	<b>R-9 ACT</b>	<b>Region 9 Development Commission</b>
<b>Ronda Allis</b>	<b>Comm &amp; Economic Dev Director</b>	<b>Region 9 Development Commission</b>
<b>Bill Heimkes</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Sand Creek Township</b>
<b>Gene Abbott</b>	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>City of Savage</b>

<b>John Powell</b>	<b>Public Works Director</b>	<b>City of Savage</b>
<b>Michael Leek</b>	<b>Community Dev Director</b>	<b>City of Shakopee</b>
<b>Bruce Loney</b>	<b>Public Works Director</b>	<b>City of Shakopee</b>
<b>John Schmitt</b>	<b>Citizen Representative</b>	<b>City of Shakopee</b>
<b>Russ Wille</b>	<b>Community Development Dir.</b>	<b>City of St. Peter</b>
<b>Khani Sahebjam</b>	<b>Program Manager</b>	<b>HDR Engineering</b>

### **1) Welcome/Introductions**

Vice Chair Jon Ulrich welcomed the Board members. Members provided introductions to the group.

### **2) Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Gene Abbott to approve the agenda. Jim Gates seconded the motion, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

### **3) Educational Program:**

Cory Johnson, MnDOT, Mileage Based User Fee study demo.

Cory Johnson provided a power point presentation about the Mileage Based User Fee study. The study was made possible through a \$5M allocation in the 2007 appropriations bill. The decline in gas tax collection, due in large part to changes in travel trends and more fuel efficient vehicles, prompted the study.

The study involved two separate components: technology test (using a smart phone platform) and a policy component (25 person task force). The task force made a report to the Commissioner of Transportation in December 2011. A final report will be available in December 2012.

### **4) Adoption of May 10, 2012 Minutes**

Council Member Tom Hulting motioned for the approval of the May 10, 2012 meeting minutes. Ed Tschida seconded the motion, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

## **5) Financial Report for May 2012**

Lisa Freese presented financial statements for May 2012. She noted that there were two new members: Greater Mankato Growth and Jordan Dental Care, PA. Russ Wille moved to approve the May financial report. The motion was seconded by Jim Gates and passed.

## **6) CIMS meetings**

Lisa Freese provided an overview of the CIMS meetings. Other members who attended shared their feedback as well. Overall members felt it would have been more beneficial to have the corridor represented at a single meeting, rather than dividing the corridor between two meetings. There was also agreement that the recently held CIMS meetings were a step in the right direction and were more useful than the corridor meetings held during 2011.

## **7) Corridor Advocate Update**

There was no advocate at the meeting to provide an update. The Executive Committee has requested that the advocate have a written report available, to be emailed to members with their packets, one week prior to the meeting.

## **8) Technical Committee Report 2012 Board Meeting Schedule**

The Board reviewed the 2012 US 169 Coalition Meeting Schedule. The full Board will not meet in July. The August meeting will include a tour of the New Sweden Dairy, owned and operated by the Davis Family (Cambria).

Vice Chair Ulrich discussed the idea of holding "tours" 3 or 4 meetings a year. This provides a good opportunity to interact with business along or impacted by the Highway 169 corridor.

The US 169 Coalition Meeting Schedule has been updated with other suggestions. An updated copy will be provided to members at the next meeting.

## **9) Other Items:**

A question was asked about the "next steps" as it relates to the CIMS meetings. Is there a need for the coalition to follow up in any way? The Technical Committee will discuss this at their next meeting.

**10) Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be on August 9, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the New Sweden Dairy, St. Peter

**11) Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Ronda Allis, Region Nine Development Commission