



## 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

**June 14, 2012**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency</b>
<b>Jon Ulrich</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Scott County</b>
<b>Vance Stuehrenberg</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Blue Earth County</b>
<b>Tom Hulting</b>	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>City of Bloomington</b>
<b>Lisa Freese</b>	<b>Transportation Manager</b>	<b>Scott County</b>
<b>Jim Gates</b>	<b>Deputy Director Public Works</b>	<b>City of Bloomington</b>
<b>Ronda Allis</b>	<b>Comm &amp; Ec Dev Dir</b>	<b>Region 9 Dev Comm</b>

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

- 1) Commissioner Ulrich welcomed Executive Committee members.
- 2) Adoption of May 10, 2012 minutes – Vance Stuehrenberg made a motion to approve the May 10<sup>th</sup> minutes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tom Hulting and approved.
- 3) Financial Reports for May 2012 – The financial report for May 2012 was distributed and reviewed. Lisa Freese provided an overview of the financials. Tom Hulting made a motion to approve the financial reports. The motion was seconded by Vance Stuehrenberg and approved.
- 4) Technical Committee Report:

Project Priority Matrix – Lisa Freese provided an update/overview on the project priority ranking process. The Technical Committee is following up with the directives from the Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee would like the Technical Committee to review the list again and focus on:

- Identify “next steps” for each project – do they need funding? Further study? Etc..
- Categorize as “short term” (0-5 years) or “medium term” (6 – 10 years), or “long term” (10+ years).
- Review low cost, high impact options
- Create a list of potential funding sources

The Technical Committee is still working on the project priority ranking process. They have identified some potential funding sources. They should have more information to provide at the September meeting.

The Executive Committee also reviewed the 2012 US 169 Coalition Meeting Schedule. It was decided that the full Board would not meet in July; however, the Executive Committee may meet, if needed, to discuss the six month review of the Corridor Advocate. The August meeting will include a tour of the New Sweden Dairy, owned and operated by the Davis Family (Cambria).

The Executive Committee also 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.

- 5) CIMS meetings – Executive Committee members and staff shared their feedback on the recently held CIMS meetings. 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.
- 6) 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.

Lisa Freese reported that we did have two new memberships since the last meeting: Greater Mankato Growth and Jordan Dental Care.

7) Other Items:

8) Next Executive Committee Meeting

- Possibly meeting July 12, 2012 to discuss six month performance review of Corridor Advocate
- August 9, 2012 Tour of the New Sweden Dairy, St. Peter, MN

9) Executive Committee adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Ronda Allis – Region Nine Development Commission.

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