



## 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

September 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Board Vice Chairman, Commissioner Jon Ulrich.

Members Present:

Name	Title	Agency
Jim Hovland	Mayor	City of Edina
Jon Ulrich	Commissioner	Scott County
Lisa Freese	Transportation Manager	Scott County
Jim Gates	Deputy Director of Public Works	City of Bloomington
Vance Stuehrenberg	Commissioner	Blue Earth County
Ed Shukle	City Administrator	City of Jordan
Terry Genelin	R-9 ACT	Region 9 Development Commission
Janet Williams	Mayor	City of Savage
Lewis Giesking	Director of Public Works	City of St. Peter
Doug Weiszhaar	Corridor Advocate	WSB & Associates
John Schmitt	Citizen Representative	City of Shakopee
Tim Henkel	Division Director	Minnesota Dept. of Transportation
Mark Phillips	Commissioner	Minnesota Dept. of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)
Will Schroerer	Director	Minneapolis/Bloomington Chamber of Commerce

#### 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 to approve the agenda. A second to the motion was made and the motion passed.

## **3) Educational Program: 169 Corridor Discussion Panel**

**Director Will Schroerer, Minneapolis / Bloomington Chamber of Commerce:**

- Transit is the issue that has brought The Minneapolis and St. Paul Chambers of Commerce together.
- 93% of members want this as the Chambers #1 public priority.
- The single day record of 497,000 riders on the Twin Cities system was set on September 2, 2011.
- United Health is adding 6500 jobs in their new campus, but only adding 2400 parking stalls
- Other major Metro areas are far ahead of us in providing transit opportunities, primarily by using a local sales tax. Dallas is the largest system nationally.
- Transit is a necessary component of a thriving region.

**Commissioner Mark Phillips, Dept. of Employment and Economic Development:**

- SW Light Rail received funding from the recent grant cycle just to keep it moving towards completion.
- Litchfield Milk Producers invested in sewer expansion which will serve a large increase in jobs in the region.
- Duluth parking garage brings \$80 Million office tower with it and associated jobs building and occupying that tower.
- 170,000 people are out of work in Minnesota, 150,000 of them in construction.
- Interest rates are at historic lows.
- This is the first recession to be led in recovery by large companies.
- Small businesses are unable to obtain start up loans. Home equity is missing which in turn can be used to develop entrepreneurial jobs.
- Minnesota is coming out of the recession faster than much of the country.
- A Tech Company from India will announce the opening of a major office in Bloomington.
- Return on Investment is of huge importance in decisions on where to put resources.

**Division Director Tim Henkel, Minnesota Dept. of Transportation:**

- MnDOT is working in partnership with Corridor Coalitions through what it calls its Corridor Management Investment System (CIMS).
- US169 is and Interregional Corridor (IRC) of great importance as our web site has presented.
- Our coalition should explore the Frac Sand freight issue in our corridor.
- CIMS is a competitive program in corridors.
- An Advisory Committee will select projects to be funded in upcoming grant programs.
- Transportation Finance Advisory Committee will be discussing obtaining addition input from outside sources at their 9/14 meeting.
- Minnesota State Highway Investment Program (MnSHIP) meetings will be occurring in October, watch for their opportunities.

- MAP21 (Federal Authorization Bill) Was passed as a 2 year bill. It combined 140 federal programs into 6 categories. MnDOT will host a seminar on Monday 9/17 to explain these changes.

#### **4) Adoption of August 9, 2012 Minutes**

The minutes of the August 9, 2012 Board Meeting were amended to reflect that John Powell was in attendance. Member Freese moved to approve the Minutes; the Motion was seconded by Member Stuehrenberg and passed.

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

Lisa Freese presented the financial statement for August 2012. A copy is included at the end of these minutes. The current account balance is \$68,165.97. Member Stuehrenberg moved to approve the Budget. The motion was seconded by Member Schmitt and passed.

#### **6) September Executive Committee Report – No Report**

#### **7) Corridor Advocate Update**

The Corridor Advocate report was presented by Doug Weiszhaar. The monthly contacts were distributed. Mr. Weiszhaar discussed a proposal of the executive Committee to host a series of open houses by invitation including a buffet lunch to raise interest in the coalition efforts and increase membership. They would like to see 3 per year in the various areas of the corridor (south, middle, north). The corridor advocate is to prepare a plan to conduct these and present the plan at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

#### **8) Technical Committee Report – No meeting or Report**

No update provided as there was no meeting.

#### **9) Other Items:**

#### **10) Next Meeting Date**

It was announced that ideas for the next meeting were to invite Canterbury Park to discuss the facility and the operations involved with keeping it profitable. Location will be announced. The next meeting will be 7:00 p.m. October 11, 2012.

#### **11) Meeting adjourned about 8:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Doug Weiszhaar & Janelle Borgen, WSB & Associates



August 2012 Financial Report

Transaction	Deposits	Checks	Balance	Details
Balance from 2011			43,026.67	2011 Balance less 2012 Dues pd in 2011
Deposit	3,000.00		46,026.67	City of Mankato (2012 Dues) pd in 2011
Deposit	250.00		46,276.67	Region Nine Development (2012 Dues) pd in 2011
Deposit	1,000.00		47,276.67	City of North Mankato (2012 Dues)
Deposit	5,000.00		52,276.67	Blue Earth County (2012 Dues)
Deposit	1,000.00		53,276.67	City of Belle Plaine (2012 Dues)
Deposit	3,000.00		56,276.67	City of Edina (2012 Dues)
Transfer	5,000.00		61,276.67	Scott County (2012 Dues)
Deposit	1,000.00		62,276.67	City of St Peter (2012 Dues)
Deposit	1,000.00		63,276.67	City of Le Sueur (2012 Dues)
Deposit	1,000.00		64,276.67	City of Prior Lake (2012 Dues)
Deposit	3,000.00		67,276.67	City of Shakopee (2012 Dues)
Deposit	3,000.00		70,276.67	City of Savage (2012 Dues)
Deposit	250.00		70,526.67	Township of Spring Lake (2012 Dues)
Deposit	250.00		70,776.67	Township of Sand Creek (2012 Dues)
Deposit	250.00		71,026.67	Township of Louisville (2012Dues)
Deposit	1,000.00		72,026.67	Nicollet County (2012 Dues)
Deposit	1,000.00		73,026.67	City of Jordan (2012 Dues)
Deposit	1,000.00		74,026.67	LeSueur County (2012 Dues)
Admin time		586.65	73,440.02	Admin Support-Final January 2012
Breakfast for event		303.38	73,136.64	Dixie Blue BBQ LLC
Deposit	25.00		73,161.64	Kathleen Sheran
Deposit	3,000.00		76,161.64	City of Bloomington (2012 Dues)
WSB		1,161.00	75,000.64	Invoice 01557-020-20 Dec 1-Dec 31
League of Mn Cities		850.00	74,150.64	Invoice 39330 annual pay plan
WSB		1,293.74	72,856.90	Invoice 01557-020-21 Jan. 01 to Jan. 31, 2012
WSB		1,293.75	71,563.15	Invoice 01557-020-22 Feb. 1 to Feb. 29, 2012
Deposit	500.00		72,063.15	HDR Engineering, Inc. (April 2012 through March 2013 dues)
Web Design		386.85	71,676.30	Bufflehead Web Design Invoice March 4, 2012
WSB		1,293.76	70,382.54	Invoice 01557-020-23 March 01 to March 31 2012
Deposit	25.00		70,407.54	Jordan Dental Care, PA (June 2012 through May 2013 dues)
Deposit	500.00		70,907.54	Greater Mankato Growth, Inc (June 2012 through May 2013 dues)
Deposit	500.00		71,407.54	Land to Air Express (Blue Earth / Blue Sky LLC June 2012 through May 2013-Silver Level)
WSB		1,293.74	70,113.80	Invoice 01557-020-24
Region Nine Development Comm		121.14	69,992.66	Feb-May Copies
City of Jordan		95.20	69,897.46	City of Jordan bars, Soda, Coffee 61412
Karen Kreuser-CC		12.57	69,884.89	Cookies for May 10th meeting
WSB		1,293.75	68,591.14	Invoice 01557-020-25 May 1-May 31
Bolton & Menk Dues	1,000.00		69,591.14	Bolton & Menk, Inc (June 2012 thru May 2013 dues)
Web Design		119.85	69,471.29	Bufflehead Web Design
WSB		1,293.76	68,177.53	Invoice 01557-020-26
Region Nine Dev Comm		11.56	68,165.97	
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