



## 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 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair, Mr. Hovland.

Members Present:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Jim Hovland	Mayor	City of Edina
Jon Ulrich	Commissioner	Scott County
Lisa Freese	Transportation Manager	Scott County
David Murphy	City Administrator	City of Belle Plaine
Timothy Lies	Mayor	City of Belle Plaine
Tom Hulting	Council Member	City of Bloomington
Jim Gates	Deputy Director Public Works	City of Bloomington
Vance Stuehrenberg	Commissioner	Blue Earth County
Ed Shukle	City Administrator	City of Jordan
Bob Oberle	Mayor	City of LeSueur
John Weckman	Chair	Louisville Township
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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency</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>Cy Wolf</b>	<b>Chair</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>Mark McNeill</b>	<b>City Administrator</b>	<b>City of Shakopee</b>
<b>Lewis Giesking</b>	<b>Director of Public Works</b>	<b>City of St. Peter</b>
<b>Jerry Pfeifer</b>	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>City of St. Peter</b>
<b>Paul Chard</b>	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>City of Belle Plaine</b>
<b>Cary Coop</b>	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>City of Belle Plaine</b>
<b>Ed Townsend</b>		<b>City of Belle Plaine</b>
<b>Scott Schneider</b>	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>City of Belle Plaine</b>
<b>Ed Tschida</b>	<b>Economic Development</b>	<b>City of Le Sueur</b>

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

Tim Lies, Mayor of Belle Plaine, welcomed the Board members and guests. Members and guests provided introductions to the group.

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

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

3) **Educational Program:** None for this meeting.

4) **Adoption of November 10, 2011 Minutes**

City Administrator Mark McNeill motioned for the approval of the November 10, 2011 meeting minutes. Jim Gates seconded the motion, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

## **5) Financial Reports for November and December**

Ms. Lisa Freese presented financial statements for November and December 2011.

Council Member Gene Abbott motioned for approval. Mayor Bob Oberle seconded the motion, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

## **6) Annual Meeting**

### **Officer Nominations:**

Chair Hovland provided the Board with two options:

1. Current members continue to serve another term.
2. Select a nominating committee to move a new slate of candidates.

Motion by Council Member Warren Erickson to have the current Executive Committee members continue to serve another term. Council Member Gene Abbott seconded the motion, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

### **2012 Budget Approval:**

Ms. Lisa Freese presented the proposed 2012 budget. Minor changes will be made to the budget to ensure that it is balanced.

County Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg moved to approve the proposed 2012 budget as presented, including the modifications required to balance the budget. City Administrator Ed Schukle seconded the motion, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

### **2012 Insurance Renewal – Approve Additional Coverage Waiver:**

Ms. Lisa Freese presented information to the Board regarding the Tort Liability Waiver.

Mayor Bob Oberle made a motion to NOT WAIVE the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes 466.04 for the US Coalition Joint Powers Board for the Board's insurance coverage in 2012. Terry Genelin seconded the motion, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

## **7) Corridor Advocate Update**

### **Report of subcommittee and Recommended Revisions to Contract:**

City Administrator Ed Schukle provided the Board members with an update on the conversation that the subcommittee had with Corridor Advocates, WSB. WSB's efforts should focus on Corridor recruitment. Conversation ensued.

Mayor Jim Hovland noted that a new one-year contract was recently signed in November 2011. This contract will be cancelled and a new six-month contract will be entered into, outlining all the details included in the subcommittee's report.

Mayor Bob Oberle made a motion to approve the new six-month contract following the terms outlined in City Administrator Ed Schukle's presentation. Council Members Jerry Pfeifer seconded the motion, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

## **8) Technical Committee report: Meet in November, No meeting in December**

Ms. Lisa Freese distributed the legislative priorities brochure. She also circulated an updated meeting schedule for 2012. If anyone has ideas for educational programs they should send those ideas to Ms. Freese.

## **9) Legislative Breakfast, February 1, 2012, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m., League of MN Cities building, St. Paul**

Board members discussed the upcoming legislative breakfast, which is scheduled to be held at the League of MN Cities building in St. Paul on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Members of the Executive Committee will provide a brief overview of the Highway 169 Corridor Coalition and outline the legislative priorities for 2012.

Invitations were sent to legislators, however, members were encouraged to contact their legislators about a week in advance and encourage them to attend the breakfast.

**10) Other Items:**

Ms. Lisa Freese provided Board members with a handout for discussion regarding a TH 169 Transit Feasibility Study that will be conducted by Scott County. Ms. Freese encouraged other communities along the corridor, who might be interested in participating, to contact her.

Board members discussed the status of the 169/494 interchange. Jim Gates noted that the state shutdown in July 2011 put the project behind schedule, but they are hoping to have the project completed by Thanksgiving 2012.

Ms. Lisa Freese discussed the potential of a NASCAR track in Scott County.

Ms. Freese also noted that Mn/DOT is setting aside another \$30M for flood mitigation projects.

**11) Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be on February 9, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Scott County Government Center.

**12) Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Ronda Allis, Region Nine Development Commission