



## 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

**February 10, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chair, Mr. Hovland.

Members Present:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency</b>
<b>Jim Hovland</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>City of Edina</b>
<b>Jon Ulrich</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Scott County</b>
<b>Lezlie Vermillion</b>	<b>Assistant County Administrator</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>Vance Stuehrenberg</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Blue Earth County</b>
<b>Ron Jobs</b>	<b>Board Representative</b>	<b>City of Jordan</b>
<b>Ed Shukle</b>	<b>City Administrator</b>	<b>City of Jordan</b>
<b>Richard Almich</b>	<b>City Administrator</b>	<b>City of LeSueur</b>
<b>Brian Malm</b>	<b>City Engineer</b>	<b>City of North Mankato</b>
<b>Warren Erickson</b>	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>City of Prior Lake</b>
<b>Jane Kansier</b>	<b>Director of Bldgs/Trans Svs</b>	<b>City of Prior Lake</b>
<b>Ronda Allis</b>	<b>Comm &amp; Economic Dev Director</b>	<b>Region 9 Development Commission</b>
<b>Gene Abbott</b>	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>City of Savage</b>

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency</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>John Schmitt</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>City of Shakopee</b>
<b>Michael Leek</b>	<b>Community Dev Director</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>Doug Weiszhaar</b>	<b>Corridor Advocate</b>	<b>WSB Engineering</b>
<b>Sue Beckman</b>	<b>Program Specialist</b>	<b>Scott County</b>

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

Chair Hovland welcomed the Board members and guests. Members and guests provided introductions to the group.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Jon Ulrich to approve the agenda. Council Member Gene Abbott seconded the motion, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

### **3) Adoption of Minutes**

Mayor John Schmitt motioned for the approval of the January 13, 2011 meeting minutes. Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg seconded the motion, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

### **4) Acceptance of the Financial Report**

Ms. Lisa Freese presented and reviewed the financial statement for January 2011. Ms. Freese requested acceptance by the Board.

Commissioner Jon Ulrich motioned for approval. City Administrator Ed Shukle seconded the motion, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

### **5) Educational Program**

#### **MSP Regional Economic Development Partnership**

Kathy Schmidlkofer, Transitions Director

### **6) Adoption of the Amendment to the Bylaws**

The amendment to the Bylaws is to add a second vice-chair position to the Executive Committee at the Boards discretion. The Executive Committee recommended to the Board to adopt the change with some added verbiage to the end of the first sentence in Article V. Officers – Section 1. Officers, the first sentence should read; the officers of the US 169 Corridor Coalition shall include a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and may include, at the discretion of the Board, a second Vice-Chair.

A motion was made by City Administrator Rich Almich to adopt the Bylaws amendment with the above changes; the motion was seconded by Mayor John Schmitt, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

Chair Hovland asked for nominations from the Board members for the second Vice-Chair position, noting that Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg of Blue Earth County nominated himself. There were no other nominations from the members, therefore Chair Hovland asked for the approval of Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg appointment to the second Vice-Chair position. A motion was made by Mayor John Schmitt to appoint Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg to the second Vice-Chair position; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Jon Ulrich, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

## **7) Corridor Advocate Update**

Mr. Weiszhaar and Lisa Freese met with several Township officials before the Board meeting today. There were approximately 15 people in attendance. There was some interest from the Townships to join the Coalition. An update will be given at a future meeting.

Mr. Weiszhaar also just returned from Washington DC and said that the message is that there will be no earmarks for next year. There may possibly be some earmarks at the Congressional level for transportation.

## **8) Technical Committee Report**

Project Prioritization – Jane Kansier explained, in detail the matrix and the rankings. The Executive Committee members thought the evaluation was exceptional. The members would like the Technical Committee to add the following items; a list of low-cost, high benefit projects, what is the priority (expansion or preservation), where is the biggest bang for the buck, and where is the expansion needed most? The Coalition's strategy is to internally accept the evaluation, have a specific plan to implement, target available programs, keep requesting for SAM and TED money, and work with legislators – making them aware of the priorities. The next step for the Technical Committee is to provide a list of potential funding sources and which projects can they be used on and provide of list of low cost high benefit projects. Members were asked to forward any additional comments to Lisa Freese.

Day at the Capitol: the date has been set for March 10, 2011 from 6-8 pm at the State Office Building in room 300N. All Legislators along the corridor will be invited. Mike Beard will head the open house. What is the purpose of the Day at the Capitol? Lisa Freese will compile a bullet point list of the items for the evening and an agenda. Sue Beckman will be ordering food for the event and US 169 logo water bottles. There will also be informational handouts about the Coalition and US 169 lapel pins. Sue Beckman will also send an email informing the group of where they can park.

2011 Meeting Schedule – the Technical Committee is still working on the meeting schedule for the remainder of the year. If anyone would like to host a meeting they are to complete the hosting form and email it to Sue Beckman.

### **9) Other Items**

I-494/169 Groundbreaking Event – there is no updated information at this time however, as soon as the information is available all members will be notified by email.

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

The next meeting will be on May 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Nicollet County Government Center

### **11) Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Sue Beckman, Scott County Program Specialist