



# 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 11, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chair, Mr. Hovland.

Members Present:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Tim Strand	Mayor	City of St. Peter
John Kvamme	City Council	City of St. Peter
Lisa Freese	Transportation Program Manager	Scott County
Terry Genelin	Nicollet Cty Townships/R-9 ACT	Region Nine Dev Comm
James Stenson	Commissioner	Nicollet County
Ron Jobs	Board Representative	City of Jordan
Seth Greenwood	Engineer/Public Works Director	Nicollet County
Ed Wetherill	City Council	City of St. Peter
Mark Bjelland	Geography Department	Gustavus Adolphus College
Dean Wahlund	Dir. Of Communication Services	Gustavus Adolphus College
Jim Hovland	Mayor	City of Edina
Jon Ulrich	Commissioner	Scott County
Lezlie Vermillion	Deputy County Administrator	Scott County
Fred Corrigan	Council Member	Bonestroo
Jerry Pfeifer	Council Member	City of St. Peter
Lewis Giesking	Director of Public Works	City of St. Peter
Jeff Johnson	City Engineer	City of Mankato
Michael Leek	Community Development Dir.	City of Shakopee
Tom Hulting	Council Member	City of Bloomington
Gene Abbott	Council Member	City of Savage
Mark McNeill	City Administrator	City of Shakopee
John Schmitt	Mayor	City of Shakopee
Judy Hanson	Commissioner	Nicollet County
Tom McLaughlin	Commissioner	Blue Earth County
Alan Forsberg	Engineer/Public Works Director	Blue Earth County
Lisa Schickedanz	Associate Planner	Scott County

## **1) Welcome/Introductions**

Chair Hovland welcomed the group and requested each member to introduce themselves and their affiliations.

## **2) Adoption of Agenda**

Chair Hovland proceeded with the agenda. Mayor Strand motioned for approval, Council Member Abbott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **3) Education Program**

Dr. Mark Bjelland, Professor of Geography at Gustavus Adolphus College, presented a Power Point presentation on importance of Regional Centers in Greater Minnesota.

Dean Wahlund, Director of Communication Services & Special Events at Gustavus Adolphus College. Spoke about the importance the 169 corridor has on the college, the city, and how they all work together. Gave update on the median project in St. Peter.

## **4) Adoption of Minutes**

Commissioner McLaughlin motioned for the approval of the January 14, 2010 meeting minutes. Commissioner Ulrich seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Freese presented financial statement through January 2010 and requested acceptance by the Board.

Mayor Schmitt motioned for approval, Council Member Abbott seconded the motion and the board voted to approve the report.

## **6) Executive Committee Report**

- a) Election of Treasure-Term through June 2010 Chair Hovland noted there has been one nomination Council Member Hulting. Chair Hovland open nominations; there were no additional nominations. Mr. Genelin motioned to appoint Council Member Hulting, Mayor Schmitt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- b) Corridor Staffing- Mr. Peterson has submitted his resignation which was e-mailed out. Discussed the RFP process to fill the role of Corridor Advocate. Commissioner Ulrich motioned to move forward with the RFP process as discussed. Commissioner Hanson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- c) Web-site- Commissioner Ulrich motioned to move forward with web-site as by the Executive Committee. Mayor Schmitt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **7) Technical Committee Report**

The 2010 Coalition Meeting Schedule was handed out and discussed. There will be a few changes to the schedule as discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting. An updated schedule will be emailed to the members. Let the Technical Committee know if you other suggestions or recommendations for the meeting schedule.

## **8) I494/169 Update**

The project is a high priority for MNDOT. Expect to hear next week if the project will receive TIGER funding approval. Stimulus 2 funding might be another funding source for the project. MNDOT may have some internal resources to fund the project, which could be used in combination with either of TIGER or Stimulus 2 funds. They have decided to go with the performance base design. Right-of-way is being purchased right now. Would be great to get this project done, then the Coalition could move attention to other parts of the corridor.

## **9) Next Meeting Date**

Next meeting is March 11, 2010 at 7:00 pm, Scott County Board Room

- 10) Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Schickedanz, Scott County Associate Planner