



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

May 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chair, Mr. Hovland.

Members Present:

Name	Title	Agency
Jim Hovland	Mayor	City of Edina
Jon Ulrich	Commissioner	Scott County
Lezlie Vermillion	Assistant County Administrator	Scott County
Lisa Freese	Transportation Manager	Scott County
Vance Stuehrenberg	Commissioner	Blue Earth County
Alan Forsberg	County Engineer	Blue Earth County
Bob Oberle	Mayor	City of LeSueur
Mike Laven	Council President	City of Mankato
Brian Malm	City Engineer	City of North Mankato
Jane Kansier	Director of Bldgs/Trans Svs	City of Prior Lake
Ronda Allis	Comm & Economic Dev Director	Region 9 Development Commission
Terry Genelin	R-9 ACT	Region 9 Development Commission
Gene Abbott	Council Member	City of Savage
John Powell	Public Works Director	City of Savage

Name	Title	Agency
Mark McNeill	City Administrator	City of Shakopee
John Schmitt	Mayor	City of Shakopee
Michael Leek	Community Dev Director	City of Shakopee
Tim Strand	Mayor	City of St. Peter
James Stenson	Commissioner	Nicollet County
Seth Greenwood	Public Works Director	Nicollet County
Jerry Pfeifer	Council Member	City of St. Peter
Russ Wille	Community Dev Director	City of St. Peter
Doug Weiszhaar	Corridor Advocate	WSB Engineering
Sue Beckman	Program Specialist	Scott County
Chad Fowlds	Asst District Engineer Mn/DOT	Mn/DOT District 7
Margo Brown	Administrative Assistant	Nicollet County

1) Welcome/Introductions

Chair Hovland welcomed the Board members and guests. Members and guests provided introductions to the group. Commissioner Jim Stenson of Nicollet County welcomed all members and guests and thanked everyone for attending their first hosted Board meeting.

2) Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor John Schmitt to approve the agenda. Terry Genelin seconded the motion, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

3) Educational Program

Flood Mitigation along the 169 Corridor

Chad Fowlds, Mn/DOT District 7

4) Adoption of Minutes

Council Member Gene Abbott motioned for the approval of the February 10, 2011 meeting minutes. Mayor Tim Strand seconded the motion, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

5) Acceptance of the Financial Report

Ms. Lisa Freese presented and reviewed the financial statements for February, March and April 2011. Ms. Freese requested acceptance by the Board.

Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg motioned for approval. Mayor Bob Oberle seconded the motion, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

6) Corridor Advocate Update

Mr. Weiszhaar announced that three Townships had joined the Coalition; Louisville, Sand Creek and Spring Lake. Before the meeting tonight Mr. Weiszhaar met with the St. Peter Chamber of Commerce. The Director will be talking to the Board about joining the Coalition. Mr. Weiszhaar mailed out solicitations for memberships to both the City of Eden Prairie and the President of Hellmuth & Johnson. In addition, Mr. Weiszhaar is encouraging that members

attend upcoming MN GO meeting on behalf of the US 169 Coalition and talk about the vision of the Coalition. Visit MNGO.Org for more information.

There was a suggestion that the Coalition prepare a letter to MN GO and send with current US 169 literature; this letter and information would aim at building our vision into the MN GO vision. County Engineer Al Forsberg motioned for approval of the letter. Council President Mike Laven seconded the motion, which the Board passed by unanimous vote.

7) Washington DC Visit Fly In or Separate Trip

Lisa Freese stated that the Technical Committee talked about the June Transportation Alliance event and whether the Coalition should have a presence at the meeting or not. Ms. Freese stated the cost per attendee would be about \$1,500.00, which includes plane ticket, hotel room and program costs. The Coalition budgeted \$3,600.00 for 2011 for this type of an event. There was a long discussion by the Board members talking about the benefits of having a few members attend the event. After much debate the members decided to not have members attend the event and to look at a later date, possibly in the fall, for a few members to go to DC on a project specific issue that is a priority. Gene Abbott of Blue Earth County said that he will be attending the event and will take some US 169 brochures with him and hand them out. There are a few other members also attending that will do the same thing. Mayor Hovland said that if anyone needs brochures to take to the event to contact Sue Beckman.

8) Technical Committee Report

2011 Meeting Schedule – Lisa Freese reviewed the schedule for the year and the noted the ideas that the Technical Committee penciled in. Mayor Hovland mentioned that we should look at cancelling July or August and possibly December. Mayor Hovland asked that member email Sue Beckman with what date they would like to see cancelled. If anyone would like to host a meeting they are to complete the hosting form and email it to Sue Beckman.

Project Prioritization – the Technical Committee is working on completing the list of items that were requested at the last Board meeting and will have it completed and ready to present at the June 9th meeting. If members have comments or questions on the project prioritization they are to email Lisa Freese.

9) Other Items

I-494/169 Groundbreaking Event Update – we will be posting some photos from the event and possibly a video. Mayor Hovland will contact Edina Cable and see if he can obtain the video they have of the event.

10) Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on June 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the City of Savage

11) Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Beckman, Scott County Program Specialist