



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 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 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
Tom Hulting	Council Member	City of Bloomington
Tom McLaughlin	Commissioner	Blue Earth County
Ron Jabs	Board Representative	City of Jordan
Richard Almich	City Administrator	City of LeSueur
Mike Laven	At Large Council	City of Mankato
Warren Erickson	Council Member	City of Prior Lake
Jane Kansier	Director of Bldgs/Trans Svcs	City of Prior Lake
Terry Genelin	R-9 Development Commission Rep	Region 9 Development Commission
John Powell	Public Works Director	City of Savage

Name	Title	Agency
John Schmitt	Mayor	City of Shakopee
Michael Leek	Community Dev Director	City of Shakopee
Seth Greenwood	Public Works Director	Nicollet County
Jeff Johnson	City Engineer	City of Mankato
Doug Weiszhaar	Corridor Advocate	WSB Engineering
Brandi Popenhaugen	Corridor Advocate Assistant	WSB Engineering
Russ Wille	Community Dev Director	City of St. Peter
Lisa Schickedanz	Senior Planner	Scott County

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 Mayor Schmitt to approve the agenda. Council Member Erickson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3) Education Program

Scott McBride, with MnDOT provided an update on the I494/169 project. In June the RFP should be coming out and bids will open in September. A contractor will be selected in October. The project will start in spring of 2011 and last about 2 ½ years. The coalition members asked Mr. McBride to keep the members aware of when the ground breaking ceremony will be. Mr. McBride stated the ground breaking ceremony is typically when the project is awarded sometime in October.

Arlene McCarthy, with the Met Council and Scott McBride, with MnDOT presented the Metro Highway System Investment Study.

4) Adoption of Minutes

City Administrator Almich motioned for the approval of the April 8, 2010 meeting minutes with a correction of adding Jeff Johnson and Mike Laven to the members present. Council Member Erickson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5) Acceptance of the Financial Report

Ms. Freese presented financial statements through April 2010 and requested acceptance by the Board.

Mayor Schmitt motioned for approval. R-9 Development Commission Representative Genelin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6) Executive Committee Report & Technical Committee Report

The WSB contract is complete. The Legislative invitations went out today for the June meeting. The Technical Committee did not meet last month. The committee will do planning with Mr. Weiszhaar at the meeting next month. The committee will also work on strategies for project priorities.

Corridor Advocate – Lisa Freese introduced Mr. Weiszhaar with WSB. Mr. Weiszhaar talked about the need to have involvement of the business community to advance priorities and increase membership. Start with targeting businesses for membership. Materials will need to be developed to present to the business community and to be utilized for funding. Mr. Weiszhaar will be contacting members to assist him as he goes out to meet with businesses. Council Member Erickson noted it would be good for the corridor advocate to attend a Scott County Association for Leadership and Efficiency (SCALE) meeting. The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) is part of SCALE. The Executive Committee put together the following list of businesses to target first:

- Ames
- Canterbury Downs
- Cambria
- Cargill
- The University
- The Mankato mall owner
- Mathiowetz Construction
- Taylor Corporation

These are some strategic companies that have a strong relationship with the corridor. If other members have any suggestions for businesses to contact provide them to Mr. Weiszhaar.

7) Other – City Administrator Almich mentioned to keep in mind that the election is coming up and there will be newly elected officials to meet with.

8) Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be the Legislative Update meeting held on June 10, 2010, 7:00 pm, at the City of Belle Plaine. The July meeting will cover the work plan and work is being made on setting up the barge tour for August.

9) Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Schickedanz, Scott County Associate Planner