



## 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

June 10, 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>
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
Joe Duncan	City Engineer	City of Belle Plaine
Jim Gates	Deputy Director Public Works	City of Bloomington
Tom Hulting	Council Member	City of Bloomington
Tom McLaughlin	Commissioner	Blue Earth County
Ed Shukle	City Administrator	City of Jordan
Bob Oberle	Mayor	City of LeSueur
Mike Laven	At Large Council	City of Mankato
Brian Malm	City Engineer	City of North Mankato
Warren Erickson	Council Member	City of Prior Lake

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency</b>
<b>Terry Genelin</b>	<b>R-9 Development Commission Rep</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>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>John Schmitt</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>City of Shakopee</b>
<b>Lewis Giesking</b>	<b>Director of Public Works</b>	<b>City of St. Peter</b>
<b>Seth Greenwood</b>	<b>Public Works Director</b>	<b>Nicollet County</b>
<b>Jerry Pfeifer</b>	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>City of St. Peter</b>
<b>Sue Beckman</b>	<b>Program Specialist</b>	<b>Scott County</b>
<b>Ed Wetherill</b>	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>City of St. Peter</b>
<b>Tom O'Laughlin</b>	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>City of Belle Plaine</b>
<b>Kevin Dahle</b>	<b>Senator</b>	<b>District 25</b>
<b>Mike Beard</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>District 35A</b>
<b>Claire Robling</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>District 35</b>

## **1) Welcome/Introductions**

Chair Hovland welcomed the Board members and guests.

## **2) Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ulrich to approve the agenda. Council Member Erickson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **3) Adoption of Minutes**

Council Member Laven motioned for the approval of the May 13, 2010 meeting minutes. Vice Chair Ulrich seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

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

Council member Abbott motioned for approval. Commissioner McLaughlin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **5) Introduction of Legislators**

Mayor Timothy Lies of Belle Plaine gave an overview of the history of Belle Plaine. The Mayor welcomed and introduced three Minnesota Legislators that were invited to the evenings meeting, they were; Kevin Dahle, Mike Beard and Claire Robling.

Chair Hovland gave a brief overview about the Coalition, why and how it started, when, and what has been accomplished in the short existence of the Coalition. Chair Hovland spoke about the success of the 494/169 Interchange, the Coalition is also working on a current list of priorities and will provide the list to the Legislators when it has been completed.

### **Senator Kevin Dahle**

Senator Dahle stated that he has been very impressed with the US 169 Coalition. He thought the coalition has progressed very nicely and likes the website and priorities listed. He has submitted letters of support for the coalition to the Legislature. He feels that the coalition is very important to the downtowns and many other communities. During the last session the budget was very tight. Next year's session will only be more difficult. He believes that transportation cannot be underfunded and is very important to this state. All options need to be explored for funding such as additional revenue sources and bonding. Senator

Dahle stated that he is happy to advocate for the coalition in any way he can be helpful.

**Representative Mike Beard:**

Representative Beard stated that there needs to be an initiative to lead Republicans in transportation. There is a bipartisan effort to protect the money given for roads. Gallons of gasoline usage are down. The state is increasing DOT fee's and licenses fees. MnDOT will borrow the funds needed for road projects that are long range as they can get good interest rates with long terms for funding. Bonding is also a very viable option and should be looked at for future projects to get them done. The coalition needs to keep legislators up to date on the priorities on the corridor.

**Representative Claire Robling:**

Representative Robling has been an advocate of the Coalition since the beginning. She believes that the Coalition has a huge impact on the Legislators and also MnDOT. It is critical that Counties keep in mind crossings on to 169 at uncontrolled intersections. Development along the corridor is extremely important. It is very necessary to be looking for new funding options as State funding is very limited. Bonding is the best option at this point but only for long term projects. Keep abreast of all funding options and be ready to move on them as money disappears very quickly. She encourages the Coalition to keep brainstorming ideas and bringing them fourth to Legislators. Bring forward priorities as Legislators will continue to help move priorities forward and put them in front of MnDOT.

There was a short question and answer session in which members of the Coalition presented questions directly to the Legislators.

Vice Chair Jon Ulrich gave a closing statement. He states that the Coalition has been successful as this has been a team effort working towards the same goals.

**6) Other –None**

**7) Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be a Work Plan meeting held on July 8, 2010, 7:00 pm, at the Scott County Government Center. The August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting has been changed to August 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 pm, which will be a Ports of Savage boat tour.

**8) Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Sue Beckman, Scott County Program Specialist