



US Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition

Working together to enhance safety, reduce congestion and maximize economic development along the US Highway 169 inter-regional corridor.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2010

Present: Jim Hovland, Jon Ulrich, Mike Laven, Vance Stuehrenberg, Tom Hulting, Lisa Freese, Jim Gates, Lezlie Vermillion, Doug Weiszhaar, and Sue Beckman

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair, Mr. Jim Hovland

- 1) Welcome – Jim Hovland, Chair, Mayor of Edina
- 2) Adoption of Agenda – A motion was made by Commissioner Jon Ulrich to approve the January 13, 2011 agenda; the motion was seconded by Council Member Tom Hulting and approved.
- 3) Adoption of Minutes – A motion was made by Commissioner Jon Ulrich to approve the November 18, 2010 minutes; the motion was seconded by Council Member Tom Hulting and approved.
- 4) Financial Report – The financial reports for November and December 2010 were distributed and reviewed. Council Member Tom Hulting made a motion to approve November and December 2010 financial reports. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jon Ulrich and approved.

2011 Insurance Renewal, Approve Additional Coverage Waiver – the Executive Committee will recommend to the Board to not waive the Tort Liability for the 2011 insurance coverage year. Council Member Tom Hulting made a motion to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mayor Jim Hovland and approved.

- 5) 2011 Election of Officers – at the November 18, 2010 Board meeting there was a slate of 2011 Officers presented. The Executive Committee will not make a recommendation but will present the slate of officers as such:
 - Chair - James Hovland, Mayor, City of Edina
 - Vice Chair - Jon Ulrich, Commissioner, Scott County
 - Secretary – Mike Laven, Council President, City of Mankato
 - Treasurer – Tom Hulting, Council Member, City of Bloomington

At the Board meeting, Mayor Hovland will ask if there are additional nominations from the Board. The Executive Committee will recommend to the Board that an additional Vice Chair member be added to the Executive Committee as of 2011. The recommendation is that there would be a Vice Chair North and a Vice Chair South. Vance Stuehrenberg, Commissioner of Blue Earth County has nominated himself for the Vice Chair South position.

6) Corridor Advocate Update – Doug Weiszhaar

Mr. Weiszhaar had US 169 lapel pins made for the members. The pins will be passed around at the Board meeting and Sue Beckman will keep the extras in her office. Members are to contact Sue Beckman if they would like more pins. Doug also completed a tri-fold brochure for members to hand out when speaking to prospective members. Sue Beckman will email the members an Adobe pdf of the document.

Mr. Weiszhaar wanted to talk about an incident that happened last month. Mr. Weiszhaar was asked to provide a letter of support on behalf of the Coalition for a TED grant application. Mr. Weiszhaar then forwarded the request on to the Executive Committee who reluctantly provided a letter of support as the requestor was on a deadline to get the application in. Mr. Weiszhaar wanted to address this with the Executive Committee on how these request should be handled in the future. The Committee discussed and it was decided that they would discuss this at the Board meeting and make a recommendation that that all requests would be made to the Board at the next Board meeting if possible. If a letter of support is needed before a Board meeting then the request would be made to the Executive Committee and if the letter of support is for a project listed on the US 169 project priorities list then the Executive Committee would move forward by providing a support letter. If the project is not on the US 169 project priorities list then the request would need to go to the Board.

Mr. Weiszhaar has some possible interests, such as, Mystic Lake and Scott County Townships and Chambers of Commerce along the US 169 Corridor. Commissioner Ulrich thought it might be a good idea to have a plan that there be a recruiting event once a month, which would occur the same day as the monthly Board meetings, in the area where the meeting is located for that month. The recruiting could be 2-3 hours, with a goal to meet with Townships, Chambers, and potential businesses.

7) Technical Committee Report

2011 Board Meeting Schedule – the February meeting will be at Scott County and the educational speaker will be Kathy Schmidlkofer, Transition Director for MSP REDP. The Technical Committee will also be presenting the DRAFT project priorities matrix. Each member will review their projects and priorities and provide feedback before the March Board meeting. The plan is to have a final draft matrix at the March 10th Board meeting.

The Technical Committee is recommending that members have a Day at the Capitol in early March where the members would meet with legislators. This may be in addition to the regularly scheduled meeting. Possible locations to have the Day at the Capitol would be: League of MN Cities room, meeting room at Mn/DOT or the State Capitol Building. A suggestion was made to have a meeting with the Governor at 3:00 pm and then an open house with legislators from 4-6 pm, possible Mike Beard could help set up the meetings.

If there are suggestions for upcoming meetings please contact Lisa Freese or Sue Beckman.

The Technical Committee is currently working on project prioritization and will be presenting to the Board in March.

- 8) Next meeting – February 10, 2010, 5:30-6:45 p.m. at the Scott County Government Center, Board Conference Room
- 9) The Executive Board meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Sue Beckman, Scott County Program Specialist