



US Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Location: Scott County Government Center

First Name	Last Name	Title	Agency
Gene	Abbott	Council Member	City of Savage
Bob	Broeder	Mayor	City of LeSueur
Jan	Callison	Commissioner	Hennepin County
Lisa	Freese	Transportation Program Director	Scott County
Jim	Gates	Deputy Director of Public Works	City of Bloomington
Terry	Genelin	Delegate	Region 9 Development Commission
Jim	Hovland	Mayor	City of Edina
Ron	Jabs	Board Representative	City of Jordan
Holly	Kreft	City Administrator	City of Belle Plaine
Matt	Lehman	Council Member	City of Shakopee
Monique	Morton	Council Member	City of Prior Lake
Tom	Nikunen	City Administrator	City of Jordan
Dana	Petersen	Public Involvement Coordinator	HDR
John	Powell	Public Works Director	City of Savage
Ken	Saffert	General Manager	Greater Mankato Growth
John	Schmitt	Former Mayor	City of Shakopee
Jon	Solberg	South Area Manager	MnDOT
Vance	Stuehrenberg	Commissioner	Blue Earth County
John	Ulrich	Commissioner	Scott County
Russ	Wille	Community Development Director	City of St. Peter

1. Welcome/Introductions – Jon Ulrich, Chair, Scott County Commissioner
2. **Presentation:** TH 169 Access Management Plan Update - Todd Sherman, MnDOT
3. Adoption of Agenda
Mayor Hovland motions to approve the agenda. Mayor Broeder seconds the motion and it carries.
4. Adoption of November 20, 2014 Minutes
Mayor Broeder motions to approve the minutes. Commissioner Stuehrenberg seconds the motion and it is approved.
5. Financial Report – December 2014
 - a. Currently collecting dues from all members. Contact Lisa Freese at Scott County if you need to be issued a new invoice.

- b. Mayor Hovland moves to approve the financial report. Commissioner Stuehrenberg seconds the motion and it is approved.

6. Budget 2015

- a. Project to maintain current memberships. Expenditures include two year contract with HDR, graphic development, mailing budget, improving website, transit/MnPASS study, and events. Most line items have been adopted from previous budgets.
- b. Member Lehman motions to approve the budget. Member Abbott seconds and the motion is approved.

7. Insurance Renewal 2015

- a. Motion includes to not waive tort limits on insurance
- b. Mayor Hovland motions to approve the insurance renewal. Member Lehman seconds and the motion is approved.

8. Elections

- a. Nominations
 - i. Executive Committee presents roster of positions to be approved
 - ii. Vote as one group for all of the Executive positions, as follows:
 - 1. Chair – Commissioner Jon Ulrich
 - 2. Vice Chair – Mayor Bob Broeder
 - 3. Vice Chair – Mayor Jim Hovland
 - 4. Treasurer – Councilman Andrew Carlson
 - 5. Secretary – Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg
 - iii. Member Lehman motions to approve the nominations. Member Gates seconds and the motion is approved.

9. Outreach Discussion

- a. Legislative Outreach 2015
 - i. The Coalition has a couple options of how to conduct the legislative outreach this Spring. Hope to have more one-one-one conversations between Board members and legislators to discuss the Coalition's
 - ii. Three options – legislative breakfast, happy hour in the evening, group of a couple of representatives to meet with legislators in their office to talk about the Coalitions mission
 - iii. Mayor Hovland indicates that it is a practical strategy due to decline in attendance at the breakfast over the past three years.
 - iv. Concentrate on legislators that are both on the transportation committee and representing districts along the corridor.
 - 1. Member Lehman suggests an approach to meeting once in a conference room, then meeting with individuals multiple days after, with a consistent message
 - v. Looking for volunteers to meeting with legislators
 - 1. **Action item:** Send an email to the Board requesting volunteers

10. Mankato to Metro Rail Project

- a. A support letter was proposed by Member Ken Saffert for the Coalition to send to MnDOT regarding the passenger rail study that is now being updated.

- b. The Coalition has looked at rail as a long term reliever for traffic
- c. Ken would like the Coalition to support continuing to study rail and maintain its Tier 1 status.
- d. Mayor Hovland motions to issue the support letter in keeping of tier one status, but limit the support to maintain status. Mayor Broeder seconds and the motion carries.
 - i. Follow up discussion: Member Lehman suggest the Coalition send the message of support for all alternative means, including rail.
 - ii. **Action item:** Commissioner Stuehrenberg to sign the updated letter as the Coalition Secretary and send to the project manager at MnDOT.

11. Upcoming Meeting Agenda & Schedule Discussion

- a. Joint Executive and Technical Meeting Agenda – March 19, 2015
- b. Board Meeting Agenda – March 19, 2015

12. Other Items

13. Adjournment