

U.S. HIGHWAY #30 COALITION TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2010

A telephone conference meeting was held on Friday, February 19, 2010 with eight members participating and Edith Pfeffer chairing. The secretary's report was approved on a motion by Jim Gossett, second Tom Determann. The treasurer's report was not available, but we were urged to send in 2010 memberships to Treasurer Carol Lamont of Mechanicsville, Iowa.

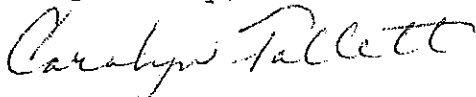
Chris Whitaker reported on the Hwy. #30 Lobbying Day at the Legislature in January, 2010. The Coalition members were well received and it was a positive experience. The importance of Hwy. funding was stressed. Julie Allesee said the legislators know they must do something about highway funding, but the gas tax is off the table.

Edith discussed the upcoming trip to Washington D.C. in March and reported on her conversation with Dale Vanderschaff of the IDOT. Focus is on reauthorization of the multi-year transportation bill which expires February 28, 2010, a must for State transportation plans. Edith will advocate for Hwy.#30 projects: Clinton in-town Hwy.#30, phase 2, Benton and Linn Counties, and Carroll Spencer. She reported Tiger Grants were awarded to Dubuque and Ames projects, and not Tama-Toledo.

Discussion on the Annual Legislative Ice Cream Social, set for March 10th from 2:30 - 4:15 p.m. was held. Jim Gossett will do a note pad/reminder for each legislator's desk. Clinton will do the invitations and ice cream picks. Each delegation will bring updated displays of their community's projects, and Dave Rose of Clinton will work on a large sign for the cafeteria. We were informed that the Farm Progress Show this year will be on Highway 30. Edith urged each county to bring a large delegation to visit with legislators, highway lobbyists, and DOT Director Nancy Richardson. Plan to arrive before noon for meeting being schedule at this time.

Edith announced that IDOT will hold a Public Input Meeting in Marshalltown on April 13, 2010. Chris Whitaker announced he would be presenting the Highway #30 Study Report at that time. Chris offered to first present the report to the Coalition at our next meeting. Members asked to hear the report and Edith scheduled the next meeting on Friday, March 26, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Tama County Economic Development Building, 1007 Prospect Drive (one block south of Hwy. #30), Toledo, Iowa.

Prepared by,



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Treasurer