

U.S. Highway 30 Coalition Meeting Minutes  
Friday, February 11, 2011

The U.S. Highway #30 Coalition met on Friday, February 11, 2011, at the Reinig Center in Toledo, Iowa, at 10:30 a.m. There were 19 members and guests present. Chair Edith Pfeffer opened the meeting and introductions were made.

The minutes of the previous meeting was approved on a motion by Pam Wood, second Larry Peeples, ayes all. Treasurer Carol Lamont reported a balance of \$7,011.62. A listing of 2011 members was presented with 43 members to date. The report was approved on a motion by Jim Pelety, second Carolyn Tallett.

**Old Business:**

Jim Gossett reported that the January 26, 2011 Transportation Day at the Capitol was well attended, well planned with excellent speakers. Governor Terry Branstad, Senate and House Transportation Chairs, Tom Rielly and David Tjepkes respectively, lobbyists Scott Newhart and David Scott. In addition, IDOT Director Nancy Richardson and two IDOT Commissioners were in attendance, Barry Cleveland and Laura Miles. The funding outlook is not bright, but Sen. Rielly continues to advocate for more highway funding. Governor Branstad will focus on spending cuts to balance the budget this year, but may be receptive to increased road revenue next year. We were urged to continue educating our elected officials to the need. Jim Gossett moved \$250.00 payment to the Transportation Day Comm. to offset costs, second Tom Determann.

The Coalition's Day at the Capitol was discussed and it will be on April 13. We will serve coffee and cookies provided by Meskwaki Casino. We will purchase chocolate candy in the shape of Iowa with Hwy #30 located there-on.

**New Business:**

Gil Janes, an engineer with Howard R. Green, recently returned from meetings with legislators in Washington, D.C. and Edith asked for an update. He reported an expected 17% reduction in the transportation budget, and learned that the Congress is serious about ending earmarks. Further, Pres. Obama has said no to a gas tax. While Gil was informed that the feds. must reduce what the federal government funds, he was given the following options from Senator Harkins's aide, Richard Bender: allow for bonding, and give the State's the ability to toll.

Edith will attend the Clinton Area Washington, D.C. trip in March and reviewed the Coalition's priorities and her request on behalf of statewide US #30.

- 1) Construction dollars needed for the City of Clinton's share of final segment Phase II, Section II intown Camanche, Avenue section. Project to bid November, 2011. \$6 Million
- 2) Tama County to U.S. Hwy. 218, Benton County, 14 mi. between U.S. 218 and U.S. 21, right-of-way 2014 and 2015, (original 1922 pavement). \$5 Million
- 3) Mt. Vernon-Lisbon for corridor preservation and construction dollars from current end of 4-lane, (Palisades State Park) to U.S. Hwy. #1. This area has the highest traffic count along the corridor - 19,000+ vehicles per day. \$25 million

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4) Tama to U.S. Highway #21

\$5 million

Future funding is requested for four-lane U.S. Hwy. #30 across Iowa from Missouri Valley to Ogden, and from Carroll to Glidden 4-lanes and new pavement in Western Iowa, \$5 million is requested to begin this project. There was discussion from Carroll members who feel strongly that their project should be a priority now.

Edith requested Coalition funding for her upcoming lobbying trip to D.C. Claussen moved that \$500.00 be approved, seconded Pam Wood, ayes all.

The 2011 Iowa Department of Transportation Public Input Meetings have been set. They are:

April 12	Cedar Rapids	- <i>Hotel Kirkwood (see enclosed)</i>
June 14	Sioux City	
August 9	Council Bluffs	
October 11	Decorah	

Edith urged those members living close to the Public meetings to attend on behalf of U.S. #30.

The following Coalition 2011 meeting dates were approved:

May 13	Jefferson
Aug. 5	Nevada
Sept. 30	To be decided

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

*Carolyn Tallett*  
Carolyn Tallett,  
Secretary