

TRANSPORTATION MEETING
Conference Room – Chamber of Commerce
November 20th 2007

PRESENT: Rick Utech, Bob Dunnell, Tom Pagel

CHAMBER STAFF: Bud Stone & Kerry Larsen

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2007 MINUTES: Rick Utech made a motion to approve the September 2007 minutes; Tom Pagel seconded; motion carried.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

OPEN DISCUSSION – TRANSPORTATION FUNDING & ISSUES/UPDATES:

The committee had a brief discussion on:

- 169 Cross Range
- Ridgewood Road
- Highway 2
- Safety issues/concerns on certain roads
- ATV trails
- Highway 38
- Funding
- Gas tax
- Bovey Bypass
- Highway 169 South schedule & phases
- Readiness Assessment project
- 2008 Goals and Missions
- 2008 Chair
- New committee members or 2008

A lengthy conversation took place regarding ATV trails in Grand Rapids. The committee decided that this would be one of the main focuses for the transportation committee in 2008. The committee agreed this would be a positive thing for the city of Grand Rapids. The committee members felt a focus group may need to be formed to research the potential ATV trail. The committee will form a plan at the meeting on Jan. 15th 2008.

Action: Bud will think of potential members for the committee, contact these people And invite them to the Jan. 2008 meeting. Bud will invite **Steve Aysta, Itasca County** **and** Bob Moore, DNR, a representative from the City Council and Tom Saxhaug.

2008 GOALS & MISSIONS/CHAIR:

The committee members looked over the 2008 Goals & Mission statement. Bob Dunnell has volunteered to remain the chair for 2008.

ACTION: Rick Utech made a motion to keep the same Goals & Mission statement for 2008 and keep Bob Dunnell as the chair for 2008. Tom Pagel seconded; Motion carried

NEXT MEETING: The next Transportation meeting will be Jan. 15th 2008 at the Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 12:00 noon.

Meeting Adjourned