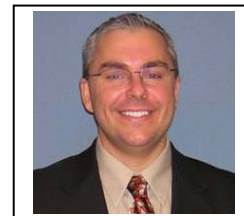




Board of Supervisors

*From the Desk of Terrence L. Neuzil
Elected Supervisor
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SUTLIFF BRIDGE

April 7, 2010

Tonight we have a chance to vote to either save a piece of history or destroy it. Many folks have described this effort to support the Sutliff Bridge as a “bridge to nowhere”, but I look at it differently. This is not a “bridge to nowhere” this is a “**bridge to opportunity**”.

A bridge to: grow and raise the land values of northeast Johnson County and use our recently completed Sutliff Village Plan for responsible growth.

A bridge to: economic development not only for the businesses in or near Sutliff, but for those traveling through Iowa City or Solon or Shueyville.

A bridge to: tourism and promoting a destination point in rural Johnson County for those who drive or those who ride.

A bridge to: recreation, fishing and boating and enjoying the waters of the Cedar River.

A bridge to: history and interpreting the importance as to why this bridge was built following the ferry system, the fact that it is the longest Parker Truss Bridge in the United States and why it has belonged on the National Historic Registry as a historic landmark.

A bridge to: natural resources and for people to see the ecology and beauty of the Cedar River and the surrounding area.

A bridge to: future opportunities for future generations.

This is a **bridge to opportunity**, not a bridge to nowhere.

I thank our Federal and State governmental leaders for their full financial support of this project; they are the ones that have made this decision much easier for all of us. It is anticipated that no direct local tax dollars are going to be used to rebuild Sutliff Bridge. I want to thank the Johnson County Conservation Board, the Sutliff Bridge Authority and the Johnson County Community Foundation for their efforts to work together to find a way to pay for any future maintenance of the bridge. And I want to thank all the people who gave us their opinion on this issue and who advocated either for or against the Sutliff Bridge. My vote tonight is clear. We should save a piece of our County’s history. My vote is to save Sutliff Bridge.