



APPROVED MINUTES
Traffic Safety Commission Meeting
Tuesday November 12, 2019 at 9:30 A.M.
Community Room of the Health & Human Services Building
303 W Chapel Street
Dodgeville, Wisconsin 53533

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Any subject on this agenda may become an action item.

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| 1 | The meeting was called to order at 9:31 AM by Chair Hardy. |
| 2 | <p>Roll Call: Highway Commissioner Hardy; Austin Durst & Mike Havlik, Sheriff's Dept; Briant Russell, State Patrol; ; Greg Lee, City of Dodgeville DPW; Joe Thomas, Town of Ridgeway; Ryan Mayer, WisDOT Traffic; Trace Frost, Law Enforcement Liaison;</p> <p>Absent: Iowa County Corp Counsel; Joe Davis, WisDOT BOTS; Randy Wiessinger, Law Enforcement Liaison; Thomas Forbes, County Board Supervisor; Kristina Tranel, SWWRPC; Sue Matye, Iowa County Health Department; Annette Biggin, SWTC Driver's Education;</p> |
| 3 | Agenda for this 11-12-2019 meeting and minutes of the 08-13-2019 meeting were approved by unanimous consent with no revisions. |
| 4 | Report from committee members or the general public: None. |
| 5 | <p>Review ATV Routes as requested by the respective ATV/UTV Clubs:</p> <p>A. Towns of Arena and Brigham requests – Wildlife Forever ATV Club</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) CTY HH at intersection of H and HH from the Town of Arena Border to Knight Hollow Rd 2) CTY HH south of Arena from Ridgeview Rd to AACC 3) CTY H south of arena at the intersection of Mellum Rd to Roberts Rd 4) CTY K south of Barneveld from Prairie Grove Rd to Urness Rd 5) CTY K south of Arena from Zwettler Rd to Sweeny Rd 6) CTY K south of Arena from Roelke Rd to Frame Rd 7) CTY K south of Arena from Knight Hollow Rd to the intersection of CTY KK 8) County KK at intersection of CTY K to Reeve Rd <p>Concerns: Poor intersection visibility at the following locations: Intersections of CTH H and HH in Arena Township, CTH H and K in Brigham Township.</p> <p>Motion made by Duerst, seconded by Lee. Motion to recommend for approval proposed Routes 2, 5, and 6; Durst to review route proposals 3 and 4 with a recommendation to be provided to the Public Works committee meeting on 12/02/2019; Duerst to Review Route 3 in the field along with the Township recommended route on Dugway, Pikes Peak, CTH T, and Mill road as the township may repeal that route if CTH H from Hyde to CTH Y is provided by the County. Furthermore, Duerst to review the intersection of CTH H and Amacher Hollow Road to consider that as an extension of the route from Mellum Road in Route 3. Recommendation to not recommend Routes 7 or 8 until Dane County or the townships of Black Earth or Vernon adopt atv/utv routes, as riders cannot go into Dane County at this time. Motion to not recommend Route #1 due to visibility concerns and accident history at the intersection of CTH H and CTH HH. Motion carried unanimously.</p> |

B. Town of Ridgeway to Hyde request – Pec Valley ATVers

- 1) CTY HHH to the roundabout at CTY BB
- 2) CTH HHH to Ridgeview Road
- 3) CTY Y from Ridgeview Road to CTH H
- 4) CTY T from Pikes peak Road to Mill Rd.
- 5) CTH BB from the Roundabout at CTH HHH to STH 191 to Tom's Campground.

Concerns: The Town of Ridgeway met with the Pec Valley club and discussed options to get from Ridgeway to Hyde. The township approved a route consisting of Dugway, Pikes Peak, and Mill Roads. The Wildlife Forever Club would like to discuss utilizing CTH H all the way to CTH Y in lieu of ending in Hyde on CTH H. Discussion over the original intent of the ordinance was to use county roads as connectors to township routes not as primary routes. The township chair indicated if the county were to open CTH H, the township may repeal Dugway, Pikes Peak, and Mill roads.

Request to add routes to:

- 6) CTH H from the terminus in Hyde to CTH Y, petition submitted by residents on CTH H.
- 7) CTH ZZ from CTH Y to CTH Z to Pleasant Ridge.

Motion made by Duerst, seconded by Lee. Motion to recommend route requests 1, 2, 3, and 4 as the preferred option from the township to Hyde. Duerst to review option 6 CTH H from Hyde to CTH Y prior to the Public Works committee meeting on 12/02/2019 and make a recommendation regarding 6 versus 1 thru 4. Hardy to discuss the option #5 of WisDOT allowing a route along STH 191 from CTH BB to Spring Road allowing access to Tom's Campground. Route #5 to be brought back by the committee upon response from WisDOT regarding the potential to utilize STH 191 from CTH BB to Spring Road. Route option #7 to be brought back to the committee until the clubs discuss atv/utv routes with the township of Dodgeville, at which point the commission could reconsider in February of 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Townships of Mineral Point and Waldwick – Pointer Prowlers ATV Club

- 1) CTH YD from STH 23/Business Park Road to CTH D.
- 2) CTH Y from Governor Dodge Rd in Mineral Point township.
- 3) CTH S from County Line Rd to CTH W in Waldwick township.
- 4) CTH O from BUS 151 to the Iowa/Lafayette county line.
- 5) CTH S Rock Branch Rd to CTH D in Mineral Point township.
- 6) CTH DD in Mineral Point township to CTH D.
- 7) CTH DDD from CTH DD to CTH W.
- 8) CTH A in Mineral Point Township.

Concerns: Some discussion of the speed limit on Business 151, as well as which portions were in the City of Mineral Point versus the Township, and whether the road was the state's or not. Bus 151 carries a 45 MPH speed limit from the city limit to CTH O, which may require WisDOT approval to become a route. Mayer stated the state has reviewed the speed limit and is not opposed to the township lowering the speed limit to 35 MPH by resolution, at which point the town could adopt BUS 151 as a route without WisDOT approval per statute. Discussion of other potential access points and routes:

- 9) CTH D from CTH S to STH 39.
- 10) CTH W from Lafayette County Line to CTH DDD in Waldwick.
- 11) CTH DD from CTH D to CTH DDD.
- 12) CTH YD from CTH D to USH 23/151.

Motion made by Duerst and seconded by Mayer. Motion to recommend atv routes for: 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 11. Motion carried unanimously. The clubs to discuss CTH Y and ATV/UTV routes with the Township of Dodgeville. The club to discuss with the Township of Mineral Point to pass a resolution to lower the speed limit along BUS 151 to 35 MPH, then to adopt BUS 151 in the town as an ATV/UTV route in their ordinance. The County would then review CTH O as an ATV/UTV route to connect with Lafayette County. Routes #2, 4, and 8 to be brought back to committee in February after further

discussion and action between the clubs and the townships of Dodgeville and Mineral Point. Discussion of Route #12 which was proposed as a crossing point for atv/utv traffic at 151. Commission delayed discussion for another alternative along STH 39 later in the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Town of Linden, Mifflin and Mineral Point – Southwest Wisconsin ATV Club

There is interest in getting a route from the village of Linden - Cobb area to connect with the City of Mineral Point. Club requests routes on

- 1) CTH B from Sunny Slope Rd to Bloomfield Rd (1.5 mi)
- 2) CTH Q from Bloomfield Rd to CTH QQ (1 mi)
- 3) CTH QQ South/East from Q to STH 39 (2.5 mi)
- 4) STH 39 from CTH QQ to City of Mineral Point - Fountain St. (1 mi) via the state bridge statute exclusion.
- 5) CTH E from Mifflin east to Log Town Road.

Concerns: Hardy stated he had talked with WisDOT and the proposed route along STH 39 between CTH QQ and Fair Street would be allowed per the statute exclusion. This would provide a safer solution for crossing USH 151 than using CTH YD; and with access to CTH Q and Bloomfield Road would connect the township routes with Mineral Point.

Motion by Duerst, second by Russell to recommend routes 1 through 4 into the city of Mineral Point. The club to discuss adoption of STH 39 by the city and township for statute compliance. Duerst to review the CTH E portion from Log Town Road to Mifflin with the club and make a recommendation for the 12/02/2019 public works committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Town of Eden, Highland and Pulaski – Ridge Runners of Iowa-Grant ATV/UTV Club

- 1) Pulaski Township: CTH P from Old 80 Rd to existing route that connects Dry Dog Rd and Hickory Flat Rd.
- 2) Highland Township: CTH I from Tower Rd to existing route at Smokey Hollow Rd.
- 3) CTH I from existing route at Steil Rd to Grant County Line (If not to Grant County line, would like to Dry Bone Rd from existing at Steil Rd).
- 4) Eden Township: CTH J from existing routes at CTH B to Cave Hollow RD/Hwy 18 (Route to extend across 18 to Cave Hollow Rd and onward to Plank Rd).

Concerns: Hardy stated CTH I along the Grant County line is actually maintained by Iowa County through various agreements. It would make sense to allow use of CTH I to Montfort to connect the various roads in Highland township and Grant County. Discussion of crossing STH 18 at Cave Road. STH crossings are allowed without permits as they are an extension of the connecting road routes.

Motion by Thomas and seconded by Duerst, to recommend passage of all requested routes. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Town of Eden – Eden Township and Badger Solar Farm

The Eden Town Clerk stated the Town Board has decided to open Vickerman and Drinkwater roads for ATV use at their recent meeting. The township was requesting the roads surrounding the Badger Solar Farm project to be opened as well to allow use of atv/utvs for the project.

- 1) CTH B from CTH G to CTH XX
- 2) CTH XX from CTH B to CTH X
- 3) CTH X from CTH XX to CTH G
- 4) CTH IG from CTH XX to CTH G
- 5) CTH G from Roaster Road to CTH X.

Concerns: The request is to utilize the routes for the Solar farm project, although once opened will be difficult to close as atv/utv routes. The conversation was with the Tow of Eden and the Solar farm, but some roads are in Mifflin township. The Solar Farm project is anticipated to be under construction from 2019-2022.

	Motion by Duerst and second by Thomas to postpone further discussion until the Township of Mifflin weighs in on being in support of the use for the solar farm project. Highway Commissioner to discuss with the township, and bring back in February. Thank you from Travis Disch and Diane Halverson to Craig Hardy and the Iowa County Board for their work with the ATV routes.
6	Hardy explained several atv/utv ordinances were approved, amended, and adopted for the following Cities, Townships and Villages in the County: A. Village of Cobb B. Village of Linden C. City of Mineral Point D. Township of Eden E. Township of Mineral Point F. Township of Ridgeway G. Township of Waldwick
7	Frost provided the BOTS summary. State of Wisconsin had a total of 490 fatalities to-date in 2019; which is down from 576 the same time last year and 594 in 2017.
8	Spot map reports and review. Mike Havlik summarized the accident/incident history of the last quarter for the commission. Iowa county had a total of 111 crashes excluding deer hits from August to November 12, 2019, zero fatalities, 33 injured (8 in work zone). DOT trying to complete the Hwy 18/151 project but the weather has made it difficult. Here are the options provided: 1) Open all lanes and let people go; 2) Keep one lane until spring. Austin reported on the Traffic Safety Grant (\$20,000 from Grant-Wise) which will be set up for on a 4-hour block of time on a Sunday afternoon for seat belt check, and for OWI a 10-2 shift from Thursday through the weekend will be set up. There will be voluntary immobilization over Christmas. Hardy commented a proposed bill was being reviewed and circulated by the Legislative Reference Bureau. Greg Lee had sent Hardy a Draft notice for this bill (no # assigned to it yet). The bill proposes changes to how atv/utv routes are designated and under new bill, all roads will be ATV routes unless individual municipalities say otherwise.
9	Other business for discussion. Hardy summarized there are 13 culverts to repave and one to replace. No other new business.
10	Meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM by unanimous consent. Next meeting date will be on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 9:30 A.M. in the Community Room of the Health & Human Services building in Dodgeville. Next meeting dates – meeting schedule for 2020: • Tuesday February 11th, 2020 at 9:30 AM. • Tuesday May 12th, 2020 at 9:30AM. • Tuesday August 11th, 2020 at 9:30AM. • November 10th, 2020 at 930 AM.
Minutes by: Craig Hardy, Highway Department	