



APPROVED MINUTES
Traffic Safety Commission Meeting
Tuesday November 12, 2020 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 9:32 A.M. by Commission Chair Hardy. The meeting was hosted in person at the Community Room and electronically through Zoom Meetings. |
| 2 | Roll Call: Highway Commissioner Hardy; Austin Durst Sheriff's Dept (Zoom); Charlene Schmid, WisDOT Traffic Safety Engineer (via Zoom); Trace Frost, Law Enforcement Liaison (via Zoom); Steve Deal, Iowa County Board Supervisor; Diane Halverson, Wildlife Forever ATV (via Zoom); Briant Russell, State Patrol (via Zoom); Mike Havlik, Sheriff's Department.
Absent: Annette Biggin, SWTC Driver's Education; Randy Wiessinger, Law Enforcement Liaison; Greg Lee, Public Works; Joe Davis, WisDOT/BOT; Troy Maggied SWWRPC; Joe Thomas Ridgeway; Iowa County Corp Council Morzenti; and Iowa County Health Department Director Siegenthaler.
Others Present: Dale Austin, Ashley Schwarzenstein, Steph Mckeen (via Zoom) from various ATV/UTV Clubs in the County. |
| 3 | Motion to approve the consent agenda related to the agenda for this meeting, minutes of the previous meeting, and dates for commission meetings in 2021 by Deal, second by Durst. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting dates for 2021 are:
A. Tuesday February 9, 2021 at 9:30 AM.
B. Tuesday May 11, 2021 at 9:30 AM.
C. Tuesday August 17, 2021 at 9:30 AM.
D. Tuesday November 9, 2021 at 9:30 AM. |
| 4 | ATV-UTV Route Maps. Hardy advised the commission that two local governments in the County have created ATV/UTV ordinances since our last meeting. The City of Dodgeville adopted an ordinance to open roads on the northern city limits being Military Ridge Road, STH 23 between CTH YZ and Military Ridge Road, King Street, and CTH YZ. The Town of Dodgeville has adopted an ordinance to open all roads as marked and signed. Lastly, the referendum question on the ballot for the Town of Waldwick regarding a request to open all town roads to ATV/UTV usage was approved by the November election. So, that will leave the Townships of Clyde, Moscow, and Wyoming without any ATV/UTV road routes. |

Review of ATV/UTV Route requests for November of 2020. The following routes were requested by the various club sponsors:

A. Pointer Prowlers (In Town of Dodgeville)

- 1) CTH B from Bloomfield Road to Brennan Road or
- 2) CTH CH from County Farm Road to Survey Road.
- 3) CTH O – Lafayette County Line to BUS 151 in Mineral Point.
- 4) CTH M – CTH Q to Hunter Hollow Road.
- 5) CTH Q Military Ridge Road to STH 18 / Survey Road.
- 6) CTH Q from Mill Creek Road to CTH B or CTH CH.
- 7) CTH Y Blotz Road to McGraw Road.
- 8) CTH YD from CTH D to Midway Lanes Bowling Alley.
- 9) CTH YZ from CTH Z to CTH Z.
- 10) CTH Z from Brennan Road to CTH YZ.
- 11) CTH Z CTH YZ to Korback Road.
- 12) CTH ZZ form CTH Z to STH 23.
- 13) STH 23 Military Ridge Road to CTH YZ / King Street in City of Dodgeville.

(In Town of Waldwick – Referendum passed on Nov. 3rd to Open all Roads)

- 1) CTH U from CTH DD to STH 39.
- 2) CTH W from Sylvan Road to Birch Lake Road.
- 3) CTH Y from Governor Dodge Road to McGraw Road.

B. Ridge Runners of Iowa-Grant

- 1) CTH P from Hickory Flat Road to Busch Road. (Pulaski).
- 2) CTH I from CTH PP to CTH II (Clyde / Highland).
- 3) CTH II from CTH I to CTH Q (Clyde / Highland).
- 4) CTH Q from Plank Road to Military Ridge Road (Dodgeville / Highland).

C. Southwest Wisconsin All-Terrain Club Inc.

- 1) CTH A from CTH G East Rewey Village Limit to Grant County Line.
- 2) CTH E from CTH G to Keough Springs Road.
- 3) CTH G from CTH X to Enloe Road.

D. Wildlife Forever ATV Club – None at this time.

Discussion of road route requests. Durst expressed some concerns over use of CTH Q from Plank Road to STH 18; M from CTH Q to Hunter Hollow; CTH ZZ from CTH Z to STH 18; and CTH E from CTH G in Mifflin to Keough Springs Road. Deal commented in light of the other municipalities now adopting atv/utv ordinances; is it time to take another look at opening all roads to atv/utv usage? Hardy commented at last look the county had about 38% of the system open for routes. With the latest ordinance adoptions, only three townships (Clyde, Moscow, and Wyoming) do tno allow atv/utv routes on their roadway system. Schmid commented on some concerns with blanket adoptions not based on route specific reviews such as accident history, traffic volume, etc. Hardy commented the existing county ordinance discourages atv/utv routes on “Major Collector” functionally classified roads; so that decision probably lies with the Public Works Committee to discuss. Motion by Deal to approve the route listing as proposed by the clubs listed above, with the Public Works Committee to consider an ordinance revision to open all County Trunk Highways with an ordinance revision. Second by Hardy. No further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Hardy questioned Schmid on the STH 191 route consideration by WisDOT between CTH BB and Spring Road in the Town of Ridgeway. Schmid stated she had followed up with Braun, region reviewer; and a determination has not been made at this point. Hardy stated he would follow up with Braun again in a week to get a response to the request.

6	Frost covered the BOTS accident history for 2020 to-date and other information. The state has seen an increase to traffic fatalities for 2020 being 520 versus 489 a year ago. Trace commented for the county the number of fatalities is up to 5 for 2020 with 7 in 2019, and an annual average of only 4. Regarding the upcoming legislative session; he anticipates Hands Free Phone Bills and ATV/UTV legislation to be topics in 2021.
7	Havlik and Durst provided a summary of the crash report for the 3 rd quarter of the year. He recapped the fatal crash on STH 23 involving a motorcycle south of Mineral Point. Commission reviewed all five incidents in the county for 2020. Discussed accidents involving deer and the vendor contract pick-up timing.
8	Other Business. Duerst questioned if a review of ordinances within the county was performed to research differing requirements such as speed limit, time or hours of use, etc. Hardy stated his staff has prepared a summary and he was working with the Town Chairs to set a meeting and discuss, but with Covid-19 protocols was not able to host at a location. He would continue to work with the Town's Chair Hess to setup a meeting to discuss. Schmid stated WisDOT was working on a cable guard barrier installation project for the Ridgeway corridor of USH 151, with HSIP funds. She commented some pavement markings were added to the Lone Rock STH 133 bridge – Stop Ahead along with flashing beacons upgrades to address the intersection issues. Hardy commented the STH 23 bridge over the Wisconsin River is closed through June 2021 for bridge deck repairs. The bridge will reopen in June 2021 to one lane of traffic then thru November. The County performed some work on CTH C, installed some 45MPH speed limit signs, and will monitor for damages as most traffic is using CTH C for a detour route.
9	Meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM by unanimous consent. Next meeting date will be on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 9:30 AM in the Health & Human Services building in Dodgeville and via zoom.
Minutes by: Craig Hardy.	