

APPROVED MINUTES

Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Tuesday August 13, 2019 at 9:30 A.M. Community Room of the Health & Human Services Building 303 W Chapel Street

Iowa County Wisconsin

Dodgeville, Wisconsin 53533

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Any subject on this agenda may become an action item. 1 The meeting was called to order at 9:32 AM by Chair Hardy. Roll Call: Highway Commissioner Hardy; Austin Durst & Mike Havlik, Sheriff's Dept; Trace Frost, Law Enforcement Liaison; Kristina Tranel, SWWRPC; Ryan Mayer, WisDOT Traffic; Joe Thomas, Town of Ridgeway; Annette Biggin, SWTC Driver's Education; Greg Lee, City of Dodgeville DPW; Sue Matye, 2 County Health. Absent: Randy Wiessinger, Law Enforcement Liasion; Thomas Forbes, County Board Supervisor; Briant Russell, State Patrol; Joe Davis, WisDOT BOTS; Kurt Schultz, CESA2 & Governor's Council. Agenda for this 08-13-2019 meeting and minutes of the 05-21-2019 meeting were approved by unanimous consent with no revisions. Report from committee members or the general public: None. Durst introduced Deputy Michael Havlik from the Sheriff's office who will be helping to facilitate reviews of Community Maps program and accidents. Hardy stated he had been advised that Kurt Schultz had retired from CESA2, and would not be joining the commission any longer. It is believed his replacement; Christine Bergen, will fill his position on the commission. Lastly, the Corp Counsel for the county had been promoted to District Attorney and will no longer belong on the commission. Hardy distributed a summary listing of members of the commission and asked all to review and advise of any revisions/changes. Discuss CTH YZ intersection incidents for 2019. Durst summarized the 5 accidents at 151/CTH YZ, which include 4 from this year's project. Also, discussed increased issues at the CTH YZ and Z North 5 intersection resulting in an uptick in accidents. Hardy and Mayer summarized the various discussion of other alternatives pursued to attempt to alleviate traffic congestion at the location. Discuss ATV/UTV route signage in Ridgeway and Brigham townships. Issues arose with the Town of Brigham adopting and signing end of routes at town limits. Ridgeway did not adopt on a blanket approach but a route x route approach. Brigham routes were not properly signed where atv/utv's could no longer travel as they left the township of Brigham. Caused some issues with atv/utv's ending up on W Brigham Road crossing USH 18/151 to Pikes Peak Road. Ridgeway township modified their ordinance to allow the traffic into Ridgeway via W Brigham Road, Rock Road, and CTH H. Then the Pec-Argyle club signed W Brigham and Pikes Peak so no atv/utv traffic would migrate to USH 18/151 without disregarding the signage. Some discussion of atv/utv usage, routes, signage for routes, and other items. Discussion of education of riders is a key in compliance as not all riders are aware of the rules, signage requirements, and other items. Halverson stated the Arena Wildlife ATV Club would be hosting an

atv/utv club meeting at Grandma Mary's in Arena on August 24th. Discussion of safety items,

certification requirements, and other items as well.

10	Meeting adjourned at 10:17 AM by unanimous consent. Next meeting date will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 9:30 A.M. in the Community Room of the Health & Human Services building in Dodgeville.
9	Other business for discussion. Hardy summarized the sealcoat road projects for the Department and other work to be performed along state highways in the next month or two. No other new business.
8	Spot map reports and review. Durst summarized the accident/incident history of the last quarter for the commission. Iowa county had a total of 3 fatalities to-date for 2019. The fatalities included accidents at STH 80 and Bill's Road and STH 18 at Montfort near Sloan Implement. Review of accidents along CTH C corridor from CTH CC to STH 23. There was a request to lower the speed limit form 55 MPH to 45 MPH within the corridor. Review of accidents indicated there were roughly 5 in the last 5 years with no fatals or serious injury incidents. Discussion of a request to lower the speed limit, and what impact that may have on traffic. Hardy stated the Department would place some traffic counters to get a summary of what the traffic is doing, driving speed and volume. Some discussion of the corridor, the places of interest along the corridor, site visibility and other items.
7	Frost provided the BOTS summary. State of Wisconsin had a total of 308 fatalities to-date in 2019 which is down from 359 the same time last year. Discussed the Drive Sober mobilization task force, Governor's Conference n 8/21 and 8/22, and stated he will email a legislative update after the meeting. Hardy pointed out there is proposed legislation regarding changes to OWI considerations for atv/utv, motor boat, and other recreational activities.

Minutes by: Craig Hardy, Highway Department