



APPROVED MINUTES
Traffic Safety Commission Meeting
Tuesday May 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 9:37 AM by Chair Hardy. The meeting was hosted in person at the Community Room and electronically through Zoom Meetings. |
| 2 | <p>Roll Call: Highway Commissioner Hardy; Austin Durst Sheriff's Dept; Charlene Schmid, WisDOT Traffic Engineer; Trace Frost, Law Enforcement Liaison; Steve Deal, Iowa County Board Supervisor; Diane Halverson, Wildlife Forever ATV; Annette Biggin, SWTC Driver's Education.</p> <p>Absent: Briant Russell, State Patrol; Randy Wiessinger, Law Enforcement Liaison; Greg Lee, Public Works; Joe Davis, WisDOT/BOT; Troy Maggied SWWRPC.</p> <p>Excused: Joe Thomas Ridgeway; Iowa County Corp Council and Health Department Director.</p> <p>Also Present: Ryan Mayer; WisDOT.</p> |
| 3 | Agenda for this 05-12-2020 meeting and minutes of the 02-11-2020 meeting were approved by unanimous consent with no revisions. The August meeting date of the 11 th may conflict with the rescheduled Wisconsin County Highway Summer Road School. Commission members were asked to reserve August 11 th and 25 th as possible dates for the next meeting. Tuesday August 18 th – 20 th are the dates for the annual Governor's Highway Safety Conference at the Chula Vista. |
| 4 | ATV-UTV Route requests and Ordinance revision. Hardy updated the committee on the status of the atv/utv signage installations for the routes adopted at the last two meetings. At this time, all the routes have been signed on the county system with exception of two, which the department is waiting on the state sign permits for. The route for STH 39 at Mineral Point requires some revision of the township ordinance prior to WisDOT approving the sign permit. The route for STH 191 between BB and Tom's campground is still under WisDOT review. In addition, the Public Works committee made a revision to the ordinance pertaining to route selection. The Clubs must now consider roadway classification prior to requests for routes, with preference for roads classified as Local Roads or not Collectors. This provision effects about 2/3rds of the County Highway system, making 1/3 preferable for routes. |
| 5 | Frost covered the BOTS accident history for 2019, summarized 2020 to-date, legislative update and other information. The legislative updates are also available on the Community Maps webpage, and Frost distributed via email after the meeting. End of year fatalities count for 2019 were lower than previous at 551 versus 576 for 2018 and 594 2017. Through 2020 to-date; Wisconsin is at 139 compared to 152 a year ago. Iowa County ended the year with 7 for 2019 compared to an annual average of 4. Year-to-date we are at 138 crashes versus 165; with 1 fatal and 33 injuries. WisDOT is performing a survey for comment regarding the strategic Highway Safety Improvement Plan development. And, lastly the Governor's Conference is planned for August 18-20 th . |

6	Durst provided a summary of the crash report for the 2 nd quarter of the year. He recapped the fatal crash on STH 133 involving a vehicle and the highway department shouldering crew. He stated Law enforcement has been making a presence with reduced contact during the covid19 orders. However, they are now starting to notice an increase in traffic volumes. The departments have held back on the traffic grants but will be increasing those enforcement sin the coming months. Frost questioned if there has been an increase in citations for speed? Durst commented they have not noticed a direct correlation there, but their enforcements have been directed more towards obvious violations such as excessive speed or erratic driving.
7	Other Business. Hardy commented for construction; the Highway Department will be closing a bridge on CTH HH between Knight Hollow Road and CTH H along with a bridge on CTH Y near Jacobsen Road for replacement. Halverson commented the ATV clubs would be out checking signage installations now that the county system was signed; to ensure all routes recently adopted were adequately signed. Hardy and Mayer summarized a conversation from the end of the last meeting regarding traffic slide offs and crashes along the USH 18/151 corridor between CTH YZ and Pikes Peak Road. Ridgeway fire seems to answer an inordinate amount of calls through the stretch of road compared to other areas. In addition, there seems to be between 8 and 13 curves through the stretch which may be contributing to the high number of slide offs. Mayer stated he and Schmid would pull some accident history for the area for discussion at a future meeting. In addition, Hardy asked if they would evaluate the superelevation of the curves along the roadway versus the design and posted speeds, as that may also be a contributing factor. The topic would be placed on the next meeting agenda for further discussion. Mayer questioned if the stop sign beacon installed in the village of Barneveld was working out to resolve the issues? Hardy commented he had not heard from the village but would reach out for an answer.
11	Other business for discussion. Mayer commented that he is changing positions within WisDOT and will become the state Sign Engineer, effective later this month. He stated his current position has been filled by the Department and introduced Charlene Schmid our new WisDOT Traffic Safety Engineer.
12	Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM by unanimous consent. Next meeting date will be on Tuesday, August 11 th or 25 th , 2020 at 9:30 A.M. in the Health & Human Services building in Dodgeville.
Minutes by: Craig Hardy.	