

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023 – 10:00 AM
OCONTO COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
LEC CONFERENCE ROOM – NORTH/SOUTH
301 WASHINGTON ST. OCONTO, WI 54153
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(Draft minutes, not approved by Committee)

PRESENT: Todd Skarban, Sheriff; Rod Hamilton, WIDOT; Don Kontos, WIDOT; Jenny Austin, WI State Patrol; Rita Krause, Administrative Assistant; Vanessa Hasenberg, Process Coordinator; Brad Olsen, City of Oconto Falls PD; Mike Rehberg, City of Oconto PD; Troy Sherman, Investigator;

1. Call to Order

Chair Todd Skarban called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1. Change of Sequence – None.

2.2. Removal of Items – None.

Motion by Hasenberg/Olsen to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was voted on and carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by Olsen/Hasenberg to approve the October 26, 2022 minutes. The motion was voted on and carried.

4. Public Appearances / Communications

- None.

5. Reports

5.1. Status of Area Highway Construction and Repair Proposals

Rod Hamilton, WIDOT, reported:

- Update on US 41 work in Little Suamico which is set to be completed by May 2023.
- Online updates can be found at: <https://projects.511wi.gov/weeklyupdates-ne/>

5.2. WDOT BOTS Report and Updates

Dan Kantos, WIDOT, provided a slide show of the quarterly WIDOT information. The presentation was handed out for review. Year to date 2022 in review, 455 in Oconto County total crashes with six fatalities. Types of crashes were reviewed. Discussion followed. Informational only. More information can be found at <http://zeroinwisconsin.gov>.

5.3. Traffic Safety Legislation Report

Kantos stated the legislature just came back into session. No updates to start the new biennium.

5.4. Traffic Safety Coordinator Report

Investigator Troy Sherman reminded members regarding winter driving hazards and conditions.

5.5. Commission Member Reports

- Vanessa Hasenberg reported the Highway Department will commence concrete work this spring on the four-lane highways. Concrete work on US 141 and 41 around Abrams will begin in April and continue through May. Discussion followed regarding the safety of the highway workers on the four-lane highways. Informational only.

6. Locations of Traffic Hazard and Recommended Improvements to Enhance Safety

- Hasenberg reported that the Highway Commissioner received a request for a speed trailer for a portion of County I west of the four-lane highways. Sheriff Skarban stated he spoke with the citizen as well and placed an extra patrol request with the Patrol Division to watch the area. Discussion followed regarding purchasing speed boards/trailers and possible funding options for use in high crash and speed areas. Informational only.

- Hamilton stated north of Pulaski at intersection of HWY 32 and CTY Rd S an assessment being conducted in that area.

7. Traffic Crashes – Community Maps Review

7.1. Spot Map Report

Kontos provided an update. Community Maps User Group meetings will be held in 2023. The two meetings have been scheduled for the year, one on March 29 and the other on September 27 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. via zoom. Registration can be completed on www.communitymaps.wi.gov. Discussion followed. Informational only.

7.2. Fatality Crash Review

Sherman stated there was one fatality, which occurred on Old 22 Road in the Town of Gillett.

8. Traffic Safety Training

- May 6th will have a train the trainer class for a TIM class.

9. Announcements/General Information (No action to be taken) – None.

10. Set Next Meeting Date

Next regular meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for April 26, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the LEC Conference Room.

11. Adjournment

Chair Skarban declared the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Rita Krause, Recorder
Date Posted: 02/08/2023