

**WOOD COUNTY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**

Date: June 14th, 2023

Time: 10:30 AM

**Place: Conference Room
Wood County Highway Dept
Wisconsin Rapids, WI**

Present – Roland Hawk Wood County Hwy, Dan Kontos DOT BOTS, Cara Abts WisDOT, Joseph Zurfluh Wood County Board Supervisor, Bill Clendenning Wood County Board, Dennis Polach Wood County Board, Emily Covarrubias Wood County Emergency Management, Charlie Hoogesteger Wood County Sheriff's Department, Tim Resheske Nekoosa PD, Dan Hostens WRPD, Trevin Szulczewske WI State Patrol, Sarah Christensen Wood Co Emergency Management – Virtual, Tammy Kubisiak Grand Rapids PD - Virtual

1. Meeting called to order by Roland Hawk at 10:30 AM.
2. Minutes of the March 2022 Traffic Safety Commission Meeting.

Motion by Roland Hawk to accept the minutes, second by Joseph Zurfluh. Motion carried unanimously.

3. No Fatality Crash Reports for review. There was a recent crash in the county on HWY Z per Charles Hoogesteger, due to distracted driving where the driver crossed the center line and hit another driver. No fatalities from this incident.
4. Cara Abts is present for WISDOT today to report for Tony Kemnitz.
 - a. Cara shares that WISDOT reached out to the Wood Co Sheriff and Dispatch supervisor to share information on the WisDOT notification protocols and to remind them to call the TMC for any lane or ramp closures on State or US Highways over 30 minutes. This was a standard informational only notification sent to all communication centers.
 - b. Our Traffic Unit is conducting speed checks on USH 10 south of the roundabouts in Marshfield this week. This data is being used to evaluate the possibility of creating a 45-mph transitional speed zone from the south of the roundabout. All the other approaches have this zone, but the south approach is still at 55 mph.

5. Local Program Specialist report –

See attached PowerPoint. Dan then went through the first quarter crashes, reports and noted certain crash statistics are still continuing to trend downward and many upcoming safety initiatives planned for the year. Also highlighted was the Governor's Conference planned for the Dells at the end of September. Everyone is also invited to attend a virtual meeting for Community Maps on September 27th. See attached power point for details.

6. County Project Updates

- a. Roland Hawk shares two major projects they're working on.
- b. CTH F from HH to US10 will be rerouted – allowing local traffic only. There will be a replacement of pavement expecting to take 4-5 weeks for completion.
- c. Project for Hwy W in Grand Rapids will start after the July Ski Show event. A roundabout is being installed at the intersection of 48th St and W. A pavement replacement will be done from the end of the concrete to the intersection of 80th St. A detour will be for thorough traffic to route traffic to 54 and back into Wisconsin Rapids.
- d. Highway Committee approved ATVs to use HWY Z/Griffith in the town of Grand Rapids up to the intersection of 20th St. They are working with the city of Wisconsin Rapids to extend that across 8th St down to Sampson St.

7. WisDOT Predictive Analytics Project

- a. Grants are being sought for continued work on the project. There is a current grant open for targeting work with law enforcement. We will check with area groups to see if there is a need for anything beneficial.
- b. A message board was approved, purchased and placed on Hwy 10. The message reads, "Watch for cross traffic." It will now be moved to HWY 54 prior to Ski Show event to help alleviate incidents there regarding distracted driving.
- c. Flashing signs from the project (Hwy X) have received positive feedback, there is possibility of more being purchased.
- d. A group of local residents from Richfield have expressed concern about construction on HWY A – mostly in regards to losing property, needing reduced speed and more enforcement in the area. There is a question if this project should be moved from county oversight to state oversight.

8. Other business

- a. New rules from the DOT require increasing paint line on highways to 6". We use Adams County to paint the roads and they are not yet prepared with the increase of materials the project will exhaust. The increase is looking to be implemented in 2024.
- b. A Hazmat incident safety training event is being planned with ERCO, Wood County Emergency Management, Dispatch, Port Edwards and Nekoosa Fire

Departments. The training will be made realistic has possible to help plan for possible future incidents and the public will be made aware.

9. Public Comments - No public comments

10. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Roland Hawk, second by Joseph Zurfluh at 11:23 a.m.

Minutes taken by: Emily Covarrubias – Wood County Emergency Management