

**WOOD COUNTY  
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Date: June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Time: 10:30 AM**

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

**WebEx Info:**

<https://woodcountywi.webex.com/woodcountywi/j.php?MTID=ma7c8dc8c6dbd3b78e9904307ad8b4c89>

**Agenda**

Present – Emily Covarrubias and Sarah Christensen (virtual) - Wood Co Emergency Management, William Clendenning, Dennis Polach and Lance Piml – Wood County Board, Sgt David Drinkwine – Grand Rapids Police Dept, Andrew Borchardt – Wisconsin Rapids Police Dept, Charles Hoogesteger – Wood Co Sheriff Dept, Todd Horn – Wis DOT BOTS, Cara Abts – WisDOT, Roland Hawk – Wood Co Highway, Rhae Stertz – Wisconsin State Patrol

1. Meeting called to order by Roland Hawk at 10:32 AM.
2. Minutes of the March 2023 Traffic Safety Commission Meeting.

**Motion by Roland Hawk to accept the minutes, second by William Clendenning.  
Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Report on area traffic fatalities presented by Todd Horn and Charles Hoogesteger .  
Reviewed three fatal accidents in Wood County.
4. Updates on Wood County Highway Projects delivered by Roland Hawk, Wood Co Highway.
5. Cara Abts is present for WISDOT and reports on the upcoming 2024 projects and Safety and Operational reviews done through WISDOT.
  - Local Program Specialist report from Todd Horn, Law Enforcement Liaison, reporting for the DOT. Report includes PowerPoint with crash statistics and upcoming traffic safety
  - The upcoming Governor’s Conference on Highway Safety is scheduled for August 19-21 in the Wisconsin Dells.

6. WisDOT Predictive Analytics Project.

- a. Message board continuing to be utilized on Hwy 10, notifying drivers of heavy crossing traffic.
- b. Board will be relocated to Hwy 54, east of county trunk U intersection prior to state ski show. Message to be “Accident Reduction Area”.

7. Other business

- a. Health Dept working on grant program for utilizing funds to apply for funding for options/trainings related to Opioid crisis.
- b. Town of Grand Rapids is meeting to discuss recommendation to the town board on pedestrian crossing options through the roundabout on 48<sup>th</sup> St.

8. Public Comments - No public comments

**9. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Roland Hawk, second by William Clendenning at 11:20 a.m.**

Minutes taken by: Emily Covarrubias – Wood County Emergency Management

*These minutes are preliminary until reviewed and voted on at the next Traffic Safety Meeting.*