



MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Traffic Safety Commission
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Langlade County Board Room, Lower Level of the Safety Building

The following discussion was held by the Committee at the meeting detailed above:

1. Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Sheriff Westen
Committee recognized members excused from today's meeting.
2. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Traffic Safety Commission			
Representative	Designee Name	Role	Status
Sheriff	Mark Westen	Chairman	Present
Sheriff's Office	Chris May	Member	Absent
WI State Patrol	Jon Pedersen	Member	Present
Emergency Management	Travis Krueger	Member	Present
Langlade County Board	Joseph Novak	Member	Absent
Towns	Dave Kautza	Member	Absent
Kids Travel Safe	Sheila Rine	Member	Present
Highway Department	Brian Braun	Member	Present
Driving School	Anne Osborne	Member	Present
Antigo Chief of Police Department	Dan Duley	Member	Present
Antigo Fire Department	Cory Smith	Member	Absent
Langlade County Administrator	Jason Hilger	Member	Present
WisDOT- Traffic Engineer	Gerard Baier	Member	Present
BOTS LEC	Trace Frost	Member	Present
WI State CDL Instructor	Tim Kordula	Member	Absent
Non- Committee Members Present			
Name	Interest		
Becky Rank	Deputy Cty. Clerk, Recording Secretary		

3. Approve previous meeting minutes (November 17, 2022): Motion by Rine, second by Osborne to approve the previous meeting minutes of November 17, 2022. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for Traffic Safety Committee: Motion by Krueger, second by Osborne to nominate Sgt. Chris May as Traffic Safety Chairperson, there being no other nominations, nominations closed. All ayes, motion carried.

Nominations for Vice-Chair, City of Antigo Police Chief Dan Duley expressed interest, there being no other nominations. City of Antigo Police Chief Dan Duley is the Vice-Chair for the Traffic Safety Committee.

5. Old Business:
 - Citizen complaint visibility of stop sign at the intersection of County Road F, approaching County Road S. Highway Commissioner Braun addressed the Committee on the intersection of County Road F, approaching County Road S. Braun stated there is a clear view with 1500 feet of visibility. Braun had no concerns on this intersection. Chairman stated this item can be removed from next agenda.
 - Discuss adding center turn lane on Highway 45 S. of Antigo, referred by the child Death Review Team. Sheriff Westen stated this item stems from a child death on this stretch of roadway. Braun stated the DOT

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is considering taking this area down to a two lane with a turn lane. This is only up for consideration, no action. Discussion held on flow of traffic if it were to turn into a two lane with turn lane. Committee would like this agenda item removed until more information is received from the DOT. Committee discussed road hazards of citizens parking on the side of the Highway on Highway 45 S. Braun stated there can be a No Parking Ordinance established to deter this activity. Information only, no action taken.

6. Fatalities in Langlade County, if any. No fatalities reported in Langlade County for the 2023 year. Discussion held on the fatality that happened in December of 2022. The fatality occurred at the intersection of County Road H and Lloyd Creed Road, in the Town of Vilas. This is under a criminal investigation. Information only.
7. DOT Updates: BOTS LEC Frost presented the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation. Frost shared with the Committee the 2022 Wisconsin Crash Data. In Langlade County, in 2022, there were 332 total crashes reported resulting in 5 fatalities and 101 injuries. Frost discussed the top 2 County high crash probability locations based on previous years' worth of crash data.

Frost presented to the Committee on the Safe System Approach "Zero is our goal". The Safe System approach aims to eliminate fatal & serious injuries for all road users. It does so through a holistic view of the road system that first anticipates human mistakes and second keeps impact energy on the human body at tolerable levels. Safety is an ethical imperative of the designers and owners of the transportation system. Safe System Principles: Death/Serious Injury is Unacceptable; Human Make Mistakes; Humans are Vulnerable; Responsibility is Shared; Safety is Proactive and Redundancy is Crucial. Information only.

WisDOT- Traffic Engineer Gerard Baier presented the Committee with an oral report, updating the Committee on projected projects within Langlade County. Baier stated there are currently no projects in 2023. In 2024, there are 3 proposed projects, 2 in the City of Antigo the other project on State Highway 55 and Nine-Mile Creek. Baier will present more information when it becomes available.

8. New Business:

- Discuss funding for the purchase of a speed trailer for the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Westen gave the County Administrator and Committee an update on what Langlade County has done in the past for a speed board. Chief Duley stated the City of Antigo has 3 fixed speed boards and 1 portable. Administrator Hilger asked that Sheriff Westen provide more information and cost estimates on a speed board. Motion by Braun, second by Krueger to use the Traffic Safety Budgeted funds toward the purchase of a speed board, forwarding onto the May Joint Administrative/Personnel Committee. All ayes, motion carried.
- Review issues at the intersection of County Road K and State Highway 55. This item was referred from Sgt. May to discuss crash history. BOTS LEC Frost pulled the intersection up on Community Maps for the Committee to review the intersection. Frost stated since 2017 there has been 14 crashes. Braun will review the intersection and bring that information back to the Committee for review.
- Skot McConnel, resident on CTH A, is concerned with the speed of vehicles traveling on CTH A west of the intersection of STH 55: Braun stated this item was a request from a citizen to review the speed of vehicles in this area. Braun stated there is a concern of vehicle speed in the section of road way of County Road A, west of the intersection of State Highway 55. Frost pulled this area up on Community Maps. Crash history from 2017 shows 1 crash that involved the rear-end of the school bus no injury reported. Committee reviewed, Braun will continue to watch this area for concern and will report back to the Committee if warranted. Information only.
- Debbie Berg, N11673 CTH Z Operates a Campground and requests signage indicating pedestrians on roadway. Braun stated he received a citizen request for the addition of signage indicating pedestrians on roadway. Braun stated there is a steep hill to the north of the campground. A traffic counter was placed with one vehicle being clocked at 80 miles per hour. Braun stated the Highway Department will install signage with flags at the crest of the hill warning traffic south bound of pedestrian on roadway. Information only.

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Sheriff Westen asked all member in attendance if they had any updates for the Committee:

Kids Travel Safe Sheila Rine updated the Committee on the attendance at the Teen Health Fair at the Antigo High School. Rine stated they had contact with 534 teens about distracted driving.

Sheriff stated Sgt. May is working on a grant to purchase impaired goggles, these goggles will show the effect of drugs in the system.

WI State Patrol Sgt. Pederson updated the Committee on the Click It or Ticket and Drive Sober Campaign. July 28th, North of Antigo, there will be an Aerial Speed Enforcement from 3-7 p.m. Discussion held on this program. Sheriff Westen wanted to thank the State Patrol for the added presence in the Langlade Area.

9. Money report: Discussed during new business
10. Set next meeting: August 17, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m. in the County Board Room.
11. Adjourn meeting: Motion by Pederson, second by Krueger to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes transcribed and submitted by:

Becky Rank,
Recording Secretary