

**WOOD COUNTY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, September 14th, 2022

Time: 10:30 AM

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

WebEx Info:

<https://woodcountywi.webex.com/woodcountywi/j.php?MTID=m24c2b63b057308daf9121d8061e1554b>

Agenda

Present – Roland Hawk Wood County Hwy, Dan Kontos DOT BOTS, Gerard Baier WisDOT, Joseph Zurfluh Wood County Board Supervisor, Bill Clendenning Wood County Board, Dennis Polach Wood County Board, Emily Covarrubias Wood County Emergency Management, Mike Potocki WRPD, Patrick Zeps Marshfield PD, Charlie Hoogesteger Wood County Sheriff's Department (Virtual), Sarah Christensen Director of Wood County Emergency Management (Virtual)

1. Meeting called to order by Roland Hawk at 10:34AM.
2. Minutes of the March 2022 Traffic Safety Commission Meeting

Motion by Dan Kantos to accept the minutes, second by Joseph Zurfluh. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Fatality crash reports reviewed by Charlie Hoogesteger. Auburndale crash on 6/7 had no alcohol involvement. Speed and attention were a factor. Nekoosa motorcycle crash on 6/22 is thought to have speed and alcohol as a factor. No corrective measures needed for either crash site.
4. Gerard Baier is present for WISDOT today as an interim representative. He shares there are four projects currently underway in the county.
 - A. SW corner of Wood Co on WIS 173 from Juneau County Line to STH 80
 - B. 173 West Side of Nekoosa to north of G by STH 173. It's closed and detours are in place but expected to be open by 10/1/22.
 - C. WI 73 – STH 13 to Church Avenue; 4 miles of roadways are currently being resurfaced and added beam guards
 - D. A state project of repaving a local road is currently underway between Grand Avenue and Jackson St in Wisconsin Rapids.

- a. Stage 1 of the Jackson St Bridge rework to HWY 34 resurfacing and roundabout addition is complete
- b. Stage 2 of resurfacing HWY 34 to Bridge area is underway

Possible projects coming to STH 34 through the Village of Rudolph and STH 73 from the Roundabout area near the DMV in Wisconsin Rapids through Port Edwards.

5. Local Program Specialist report –

Dan gave a summary of crashes as of 09/13/22. See attached PowerPoint. Dan then went through the reports and noted certain crash statistics are trending downward. See attached power point for details.

6. WisDOT Predictive Analytics Project

- a. Grant request submitted with numerous items.
- b. Static Items such as “Cross Traffic” signs, Stop Ahead or Stop Signs with flashing lights were not approved. Educational materials, overtime patrols for areas in the study areas, and Message Board were approved.
- c. Request resubmitted with signs that can be rotated or adjusted and additional message boards. Waiting to hear back on revised grant request.
- d. Funding for overtime patrols has been approved per Charles Hoogesteger. Additional enforcement for vast areas in Wood County is added along with brochure materials.

7. Other business

- a. Paul Bernard from Wood County Planning and Zoning has created a dashboard to educate the public on ATV/UTV ordinances and violations in our community and surrounding areas. It also displays areas that are not open or areas that has limited access. Dashboard can be accessed here:
<https://woodwi.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/108f156243504006a6cbd484bc49e34a>
- b. A decision on a 4 way stop in Pittsville (80/73-HWY A) will be brought to the HIRC committee possibly submitting a request to consider a roundabout at the location. Highway to reach out to various jurisdictions.
- c. The next regular Traffic Safety meeting will take place on December 14th, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in the Wood County Highway Conference Room.

8. Public Comments - No public comments

9. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Roland Hawk, second by Joseph Zurfluh at 11:31 a.m.

Minutes taken by: Emily Covarrubias – Wood County Emergency Management