

**COLUMBIA COUNTY  
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

Columbia County Law Enforcement Center  
John Roche Community Room  
November 14, 2014 @ 9:30 a.m.

Members: Doug Jarzynski, Pat Beghin, Joann Wingers, Chuck Miller, Ryan Mayer, Robert Andler, Tom Lorfeld, Eugene Brown, Charles Poches, Penny Kiefer, Joe Ruf, Scott Klicko, Avis Link, Jerry Blystone, Corey Foster,

Others: Rick Schmidt, Mary Cupery, George Silverwood, Bill Gau.

Meeting called to order: 9:34a.m. by Doug Jarzynski.

***Motion to approve the agenda and the previous meeting minutes was made by Andler, Seconded by Brown, Motion carried.***

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. *Discussion / review of the curve on CTH CM east of CTH T by the Fox River Bridge for safety improvements.* The commission was briefed about a safety issue on CTH CM by the Fox River. A recent accident resulted in a car missing the corner and ending up submerged in the Fox River. Video of the area was shown and the commission discussed the potential fixes to the problem. Jarzynski will pull the crash data on the location. ***Motion was made by Beghin, seconded by Brown, to have the Highway Department and Sheriff's Office meet at the scene to determine what, if any, improvements are the best for the location. They will report back at the next Highway Safety meeting. Motion passed.*** *Video of the location with the new signage was shown and discussed.*
2. Ryan Meyers of DOT briefed the commission on the HWY 51 and CTH P safety improvement project. This is planned for 2016 and will have a Rt. Turn lane on Hwy 51 north bound and a Rt. Turn lane on CTH P West bound.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Request for review of the intersection of Hwy 51 and Bilkie Road in the Town of Dekorra for Safety improvements. Rick Schmidt, Dekorra Town Chair, briefed the commission on the problem of gravel being deposited in the intersection by vehicles turning west bound from the north off of HWY 51. This has been an ongoing problem. Ryan Mayer of DOT will talk to DOT maintenance and plan on putting asphalt millings at the location to take care of the problem. This Item will be put back on the agenda for review at the next meeting.
2. Discussion on speed reduction from 35mph to 25mph on CTH V from Red Cedar Rd. to Rapp Rd. in the Town of Lodi. HWY Commissioner Tom Lorfeld stated that the change was already made in this location. The number of driveways meet the statute requirement for a 25 mph speed zone.
3. Request for speed reduction on CTH DM from Keyser to HWY 51 in the Town of Leeds. A letter of concern was shared with the commission and video of the location was shown. There is currently a Detour on to this road. When the detour is off the HWY

department will put traffic counters out to see what is going on for speed on the road. Motion to put out traffic counters made by Jarzynski/ seconded by Lorfeld. Motion passed.

4. Request for review of HWY 16 in the area of Seier Road in the Town of Fountain Prairie for safety improvements. Lorfeld stated this issue has come up with the Highway committee as well. Mayer's of DOT will look into a seasonal Warning flashing light on the signage, as well as additional signage. Jarzynski will check on any crash data at the location as well. Motion for DOT to look into additional signage and flashing lights by Beghin/ seconded by Wingers, Motion passed. Item will be placed back on the next agenda for follow-up.
5. Commission moved on to Item number 7. Request for guardrail on HWY 60 near intersection of Barta Road in the Town of Westpoint. Video of the area was shown to the commission. Mayer's of DOT indicated that DOT did a safety improvement project at that location and would like to see if the improvements take care of the problem. This item will be placed back on the agenda for review of how the safety improvements are working.
6. (Item 5) Discussion regarding Roadside Memorials and traffic safety issues. The commission discussed the issues and Mayer's will send out a copy of the DOT policy on the roadside memorials.
7. (Item 6) Bureau of Transportation Safety Unfunded Agencies Equipment Drawing. DOT conducted a drawing for equipment grants for police agencies in Wisconsin.

**FATAL ACCIDENT REPORT by Patrick Beghin**

Beghin detailed the two traffic fatality in Columbia County this quarter.

**BUREAU OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (BOTS) UPDATE:**

Corey Foster of BOTS handed out info and briefed the commission on information of interest to the commission.

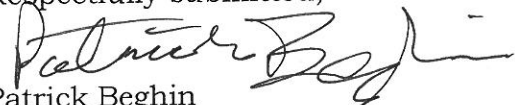
**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

***Motion was made by Kiefer to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Seconded by Blystone. Motion carried.***

**Next Meeting Date: Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patrick Beghin  
Columbia County Emergency Management