

**COLUMBIA COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Columbia County Law Enforcement Center
John Roche Community Room
November 12, 2010 @ 9:30 a.m.

Members: Doug Jarzynski, Penny Kiefer, Chuck Miller, Jeff Berens, Angela Adams, Avis Link, Mike Roberts, Robert Andler, Kurt Dey, Devan Hintz, Michael Strader, George Silverwood, Tom Knoop, Bill Gau, Eugene Brown, Darrell Parker, Pat Beghin, Charles Poches

Meeting called to order: 9:32 a.m. by Doug Jarzynski

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes and 11/12/10 agenda made by Brown. Seconded by Dey. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. *Update on STH 33 in the Town of Caledonia from I90/94 to Sauk County line regarding safety concerns involving hydroplaning issues.* The committee was briefed on an update letter that was received concerning this. The state had looked at that area and did not see an inordinate amount of crashes within that area. The letter detailed the note of grooving of the pavement in that area. No other action was taken on this item.
2. *Update on speed reduction request on Country Club Road in Townships of Wyocena/Marcellon.* Jarzynski spoke with Wyocena Town Chair Doug Kohl and he indicated that the town would still like to see the speed reduced to 35 mph but would get back to the committee and the speed could be reduced down to 45 mph by statute, but not the 35 mph without a speed study being conducted.
3. *Update speed reduction requests on West North Shore Drive, Dietz Drive, and East North Shore Drive in the Township of Wyocena.* Dey indicated that they have not received a letter to change the posting yet on these roads to the 25 mph. He will notify the committee when they receive the letter from the Township of Wyocena requesting that change.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *To discuss any potential or noticeable effects on STH 33 regarding safety issues with the installation of the WE Energies wind tower farms over the next couple of years. (Jeff Berens – WisDOT Safety Engineer).* The committee discussed and was briefed on the construction phases of the WE Energies wind farm from the WE Energies Project Engineer Mike Strader as well as from the DOT engineers with concerns for the project in the construction of the towers starting next May. The committee discussed this issue and the issue will need to be revisited as the determination of what the appropriate signage and potential law enforcement presence will be needed for the oversized loads that will be used to place the towers on the sites.
2. *Request for review of speed reduction request on South Hemlock Street in the Township of Dekorra.* After reviewing the request, a motion was made by Dey to approve a speed reduction down to the 35 mph speed on this section of road due to the prevalence of driveways that would pass the statutory requirements for a 35 mph speed limit in this area. Seconded by Andler. Motion carried.
3. *Request for review of speed reduction request on Hooker Road in the Township of Dekorra.* After reviewing the location and the number of driveways there, it was apparent that the

Hooker Road does not meet the requirements of the statute to reduce the speed down to 35 mph without an engineering study. *Motion was made by Dey to inform the township that they should reduce the speed limit down to 45 mph per their statutory ability. Seconded by Andler. Motion carried.*

FATAL ACCIDENT REPORT by Patrick Beghin

Beghin briefed the commission concerning the one fatality that occurred in last three months. The report was shared with the committee.

BUREAU OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (BOTS) UPDATE: Thomas Knoop

Knoop distributed information concerning the current status of traffic fatalities within the state and shared other information with us.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY REPORT AND HIGHWAY SAFETY INPUT:

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chuck Miller brought up a concern regarding a number of crashes that he has noted occurring at the intersection of STH 16 and CTH P. Dey stated the state is taking a look at this and it will be placed on the next agenda as there is a desire to have stoplights placed at that location by a petition that had been circulated within the area and that they will be taking a look at this and we can discuss it further at the next committee meeting.

Dey also brought up that he had a concern of the STH 23 and the CTH O area in the Township of Newport. This area of concern will again be placed on the agenda for the February Highway Safety Commission meeting for review of the intersection and if any other safety improvements can be made there.

Motion to adjourn was made by Andler at approximately 10:21 a.m. Seconded by Knoop. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, February 11, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center John Roche Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Beghin
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