

# HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, John Roche Community Room

Friday, May 14, 2004

9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Doug Jarzynski, T.O. Boge, Darrell Parker, Jillene Fehrman, Kirk Konkel, James Kicmol, Jerry Smith, Avis Link, JoAnn Wingers, Kurt Dey, Susan Martin, Jim Mitchell, Dan Pulsfus, Pat Beghin

Meeting Called to Order: 9:30 a.m. by Lt. Doug Jarzynski

There were no additions, deletions, or changes to the last meeting minutes. A motion to accept the previous meeting minutes was made by Smith. Seconded by Link. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on request for extension on no-passing zone on CTH P near intersection of Raymond Road in the township of Pacific. T.O. Boge from Columbia County Highway did address the issue of the no-passing zone on CTH P, indicating that it was properly marked and the site radius on the passing zone were within acceptable limits. He felt that it was more of an issue of people passing cars in the area and that no changes should be looked at for that no-passing zone. We need to agree to take no action on that.
2. Update on speed reduction zones. The first being State Hwy 16 in Portage from the 45 mph extension to Beck Road. This has been posted as of the meeting date. The next is the State Hwy 16 Portage reduction to 35 mph from Cemetery Street to 0.6 miles west of Silver Lake Drive. This has also been posted as of the meeting date. The third is the State Hwy 33 in the township of Caledonia reduction to 45 mph from the Baraboo River bridge east to 0.3 miles east of Interstate 90/94. This has also been posted as of the committee meeting date. The town of Wyocena speed reduction to 25 mph on South Shore Drive, East Shore Drive, West Shore Drive, Summit Pass, Song Bird Trail, Deer Meadow Lane, Still Point Trail, Silver Mist Lane, and Dates Drive. These have all been currently posted at the 25 mph speed zones.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Action on resolution from the town of Lodi relating to road safety improvements and speed reduction request in CTH V between Richards Road and Harmony Grove. Committee did discuss this being a repeated issue on this same stretch of road as been brought to the committee's attention numerous times over the years. Did address the number of points on this. Kurt Dey did indicate that that road was up to standards for County Highway and that while it was a heavily traveled roadway, there was no justification on the speed studies to reduce the speed down to the 45 mph and each of the subsequent requests in the town of Lodi letter sent to the committee. Commissioner Dey did explain that the fog and centerlines on the county highway will be painted this year. He did advise the committee that there is no requirement to have the fog and centerlines painted on a county highway, but that it was the position of the highway shop that they do this on all of the county highways within the county. After reviewing the remainder of the concerns expressed in the town of Lodi letter, there was a motion to concur with the Highway Committee for no action by Smith. Seconded by Konkel. Motion carried.

## FATALITY REPORT

1. The Highway Safety Committee was briefed on the fatalities that occurred since the last meeting detailing the fatality of a subject on I-39 North of Portage and also a subject who was killed in a three car accident on Hwy 22 in the vicinity of Drake Road. Information on two prior fatalities that had occurred just prior to the last Highway Safety Committee meeting was also brought to the committee's attention from Wisconsin State Patrol Sergeant James Kicmol. He did indicate that the two accidents that the State Patrol had handled on the Interstate resulting in fatalities just prior to the last meeting that he had been able to obtain more information on those accidents. Indicating that one was alcohol-related and the other one appeared to be weather-related and occurred just days apart in February on the Interstate system.

## OTHER BUSINESS

1. Jerry Smith of Bots did brief the committee and handed out information concerning the crash totals for the state as well as Columbia County. Indicating the 2003 year-end fatality report as well as information on the number of car-deer and other accidents that had occurred within the state and Columbia County. After the 2003 crash statistics had been reviewed and commented on, we moved onto other business.
2. Avis Link did bring forth the concern on pedestrians walking on the wrong side of the roadway. Walking with traffic vs. against traffic and that was a concern for their safety. She has noticed this as being more of an apparent problem than it had been in the past. There was discussion on this issue.

There was no other business brought before the committee.

Next Meeting Date:

Friday, August 13, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.

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Motion to adjourn was made by Pulsfus. Seconded by Link. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Beghin  
Sergeant

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