

**COLUMBIA COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Columbia County Law Enforcement Center
John Roche Community Room
Friday, August 14, 2009 @ 9:30 a.m.

Members: Doug Jarzynski, Penny Kiefer, Chuck Miller, Dennis Weiner, Robert Andler, Andy Ross, Kurt Dey, Joseph Ruf, Charles Poches, Eugene Brown, Graham Heitz, Andrea Loeffelholz

Meeting called to order: 9:36 a.m. by Doug Jarzynski

Motion to approve minutes from May 08, 2009 meeting made by Andler. Seconded by Brown. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. *Update on request for speed reduction and signage on STH 33 west of the Wisconsin River Bridge in the City of Portage.* Graham Heitz of the Wisconsin DOT reported that a larger 25 mph sign was installed for eastbound traffic coming into the City of Portage. Heitz stated that the current 25 mph sign for westbound traffic was installed by the City and can be changed by the city to a larger size if they want to.
2. *Request for review of curve near 932 Fairfield Street in the City of Portage for safety improvements.* Jarzynski reported that there have been no changes made yet in the area. Kiefer reported that City of Portage Public Works Director Bob Redeling was informed of the recommended changes regarding additional signing made by the committee but does not foresee any changes in this area in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Request for speed reduction and signage on STH 188 near N2270 STH 188 in the Township of West Point.* Jarzynski read to the Committee a letter received from Jerome and Lorraine Planek concerning safety concerns on STH 188 near their residence. The Committee also viewed a video tape of the area in question. Heitz stated that DOT could do a review of this area to check advisory signs and do a speed study. After a short discussion by the committee, a *motion was made to refer this matter to DOT for a speed study and review of advisory signs. Seconded by Andler. Motion carried.*
2. *Request for review of intersection at WIBU Road and Meek Road in the Township of Arlington.* Jarzynski stated that he had received a voicemail message from concerned citizen regarding the intersection of WIBU Road and Meek Road and that this subject felt that this intersection should be a 4-Way stop. The Committee also viewed a video tape of the intersection. After some discussion by the Committee, a *motion was made by Dey to have the Columbia County Highway Department contact the Township of Arlington regarding adding pavement marking, correcting sign placement and possibly widening the shoulder of WIBU Road on the north side of the intersection and contacting the Township of Vienna in Dane County regarding adding pavement marking and correcting sign placement on the Dane County or south side of the intersection. Motion seconded by Ross. Motion carried.*

FATAL ACCIDENT REPORT by Doug Jarzynski

Jarzynski briefed the commission on three fatalities that had taken place since the previous meeting. The fatalities resulted from two accidents that occurred on 07/24/09 on CTH C in the Town of Hampden and on 08/08/09 on CTH J at Lindsay Road in the Town of Lodi leaving our year-to-date total at four.

BOTS UPDATE: Andrea Loeffelholz

The BOTS report was given to the committee by Loeffelholz and handouts were distributed to committee members. Loeffelholz reported that traffic fatalities continue to be below the last five years average; however, motorcycle fatalities have increased 20% from 2008. Loeffelholz also noted that Columbia County is eligible to apply a \$25,000.00 grant for OWI Enforcement and a \$20,000.00 grant for Speed and Aggressive Driving Enforcement for FFY 2010.

Loeffelholz noted that the Governor's Conference on Highway Safety is scheduled for August 19 and 20, 2009 in Appleton.

Committee members were also provided handouts concerning a program run by insurance companies that allow devices to be installed in vehicles that send parents emails to let them know how their teens are driving. Chuck Miller briefed the committee members about the program being run through American Family Insurance Company and stated the devices can be installed at no cost to the parents.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kiefer at approximately 11:10 a.m. Seconded by Brown. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, November 13, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Jarzynski, Lieutenant
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