

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Columbia County Law Enforcement Center

John Roche Community Room

Thursday, November 10, 2005

9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Doug Jarzynski, Penny Kiefer, Avis Link, Kurt Dey, Jillene Fehrman, Robert Andler, Gerald Sallmann, Dan Pulsfus, Jim Mitchell
Meeting Called to Order: 9:35 a.m. by Doug Jarzynski

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes from 08/12/05 made by Andler, seconded by Sallmann. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. *Update on request for advisory signs on STH 127 at St. Paul's Church in Lewiston Township.* Jill Fehrman reported to the committee that she had reviewed the area of STH 127 near St. Paul's Church and determined that there was sufficient visibility from the driveway of St. Paul's Church for approximately 800 feet in each direction and advisory signs would not be erected in this area. ***Motion made by Dey to concur with DOT's findings and recommendation that no advisory signs would be placed in the area of St. Paul's Church on STH 127. Seconded by Andler. Motion carried.***
2. *Update on Highway 146 Project (Tabled from 08/12/05 meeting).* Fehrman advised the committee that she had reviewed the plans for the Highway 146 Project scheduled for construction in 2008. Fehrman noted that they would be fixing both intersections of CTH A at Highway 146 during the project. Link advised the committee that she was aware of a recent semi rollover accident on STH 146 just south of the Didion business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Request for review of STH 23 at intersection of CTH O in the Township of Newport for safety improvements.* Jarzynski read to the committee a letter received from Mike Reimer who resides at W14560 Fairway Lane, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin regarding a request for review of STH 23 near the intersection of CTH O regarding safety improvements. Reimer's letter advised that there have been numerous rollover accidents as a result of the curve of the intersection of STH 23 and CTH O and that he was requesting additional warning chevrons be placed on this curve to advise motorists traveling in the area. The committee was shown a videotape of the area. Jarzynski advised that he had reviewed accident data regarding this area over the past five years and determined that there have been approximately fifteen (15) accidents on STH 23 near CTH O five that resulted in injury and two fatalities. Jarzynski also reported that there were seven rollover accidents. ***After a short discussion by the committee, a motion was made by Sallmann to recommend placement of additional chevrons around the curve on STH 23 at CTH O in both east and westbound directions. Seconded by Andler. Motion carried.***
2. *Request for review of STH 89 at N279 for safety improvements.* Jarzynski read to the committee a letter received from R.L. Wright who resides at N279 STH 89, Columbus. In Wright's letter, she stated to the committee that she is the owner of the residence located at N279 STH 89 and that there have been several accidents as a result of a sharp curve approximately 200 feet north of the residence. Wright also reported that in two of the previous accidents, the residence at N279 STH 89 has been struck by a vehicle or parts of a vehicle involved in some of the accidents. The committee was shown a videotape of the

area. Jarzynski advised the committee that he had also researched accident data over the past five years in the area requested for review on STH 89. He noted that there have been approximately 14 accidents in the immediate area of this curve over the past five years including six injuries and one fatality. Of the 14 accidents noted, two of the accidents were alcohol-related and six had occurred during the hours of darkness. **After a short discussion by the committee, a motion was made by Sallmann for recommendation to place chevrons along this curve on STH 89 along with DOT review of the area for any other safety improvements needed. Seconded by Pulsfus. Motion carried.**

FATAL ACCIDENT REPORT by Doug Jarzynski

1. Jarzynski reported to the committee that there had been a total of three fatal accidents involving five fatalities since the last meeting on 08/12/05. It was noted that one of the fatal accidents was determined not to be accident-related and was ruled a suicide by the Columbia County Coroner's Office. Committee members reviewed copies of the fatal accidents reported.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Pulsfus reported to the committee of the STH 33 Project in the City of Portage scheduled for 2008. Fehrman also advised that DOT was currently reviewing this project for the best alternate detour route.

Sallmann inquired of Fehrman regarding the completion of the STH 60/16 East Project that is currently underway and was advised that the completion date was expected to be in the near future near the end of November 2005.

Fehrman advised the committee that construction is underway for replacing the pavement on the southbound lanes of USH 151 in Columbus Township.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 10:40 a.m. by Sallmann. Seconded by Link. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date:

Friday, February 10, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Doug Jarzynski
Lieutenant

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