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MISSION

Columbia County strives to make our roads the safest they can be.....

COLUMBIA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Columbia County Law Enforcement Center Law Enforcement Training Room February 12, 2021 @ 9:30 AM

Commission Members Present: Richard Hoege, Chris Hardy, Chuck Miller, Michael Brouette, JoAnn Wingers, Ken Hutler, Trace Frost, Aaron Jahncke, Harold Manthey, Kathy Johnson, Todd Horn, via Zoom Lt. Cory Miller, Brian Pierson, Jim & Alice Wieshem, Jessica Hale (Corporation Counsel Designee), Charlene Schmid (DOT)

Commission Members Absent with Notice: Jerry Blystone, Roger Brandner

Commission Members Absent: Mike Vasquez, Avis Link, Wayne Smith, Penny Kiefer, James Foley, Josh Sween

The meeting of the Columbia County Traffic Safety Commission was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Cpt. Todd Horn. Introductions were made by all present. An attendance sheet was distributed.

Motion by Wingers to approve the agenda moving agenda item #5 to the beginning of Old Business to accommodate the guests speaking. Seconded by Hutler. Motion carried.

Motion by Hutler to approve the November 13, 2020 meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Hardy. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Consider rumble strip installation for CTH SS at CTH P intersection. (Update from neighbors and Hardy). Tabled. Hardy gave an explanation on rumble strips with a map of the area, DOT requirements, and distance of each rumble strip. A letter of concern was displayed from Brian & Ingrid Pierson. Residents of the area expressed their concerns of the rumble strip option along with the area itself including that many don't stop or roll through stop sign and speed is a factor. Hardy explained all the options which include: signage (and if using flashing signs, this is costly), rumble strips, redesign of intersection, or a four-way stop. There was a suggestion about speed bumps being installed. Hardy explained that speed bumps causes an opposite effect. Installing multiple

stop signs and rumble strips costs are similar. He gave the three options which include: install rumble strips, additional stop signs/larger signs, or nothing being done. The residents stated they would like additional signage. Horn made a motion to have the Highway Department assess the distance, review the area for pre-warning signage, and table this item until the next meeting. Wingers seconded. Motion carried.

1. **Traffic Study and Discuss CTH JV from USH 51 to CTH B for a requested speed reduction to 45mph. (Update from Chris Hardy on the September Highway Committee presentation).** Hardy explained that this is done. The signs are up and the notice is in the new ordinance. We are waiting on the new ordinance to be passed.
2. **Update on options for passing lanes on STH 33 eastbound at CTH F/CTH EE. Tabled.** Schmid (DOT) stated that our proposed recommendations still need to be reviewed. Horn discussed the STH 33 construction project and stated time is running out to include our recommendation in the project. Hardy summarized the speed study that was conducted and displayed an aerial view map. Discussion continued about the project ideas. Yahnke talked about the 2016-2017 Preservation Study that was suspended. He also discussed removing CTH F intersections and redesigning CTH EE and work all into a HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program) project. Schmid to look more into using HISA funds as a separate project and bring findings back to the May meeting. Horn made a motion to table until the May meeting. Hutler seconded. Motion carried.
3. **Review intersection of CTH CS and CTH V for potential safety measure options (Update from Chris Hardy on September Highway Committee presentation and improvements made.** Hardy stated that the regulatory signage is done. Highway still needs to move no parking signs. Chevron signs are not needed.
4. **Install permanent gates on Levee Road Portage at I39 and county line. Tabled.** Hardy displayed map of the area on Levee Road. He spoke with Matt Sequin from the DNR and will get him a cost estimate. Sequin to look into funding for this. Hardy to talk to Town of Caledonia regarding proposed project. Hardy hopes to have an answer by the May meeting.
6. **Review speed limit at Dekorra Park on CTH V. (08/17/20 Margie Meinzer email). Tabled.** No speed data. Table to May meeting.
7. **Review area of Chrislaw Road off of STH 113 for a possible speed reduction. (08/16/20 Anne Lembeke email.)** Hardy explained that this is a Rustic Road and not posted. A letter was sent to the Town of Lodi stating that Chrislaw Road is an unposted rustic road, a concerned citizen has brought their concerns about this road to the TSC and that the TSC is recommending the township to erect 45 MPG signs. Miller provided some information from the engineer report. Hardy to look into Town of West Point and the Town of Lodi for this issue and Town of Caledonia for Levee Road (Rustic Roads) for installing 45 MPH signage.
8. **Review speed limit on HWY 16 from Boeck Road to Klappstein Road (John Simonson). Tabled.** Horn displayed video of area on STH 16 from Boeck Road to Klappstein Road. There is concern about so many driveway in such a short area. Schmid will schedule a speed study through the state. It was also discussed that there should also be a speed study on STH 33 at Wisconsin River bridge as the speed goes from 25 – 55 MPH. The TSC is requesting a speed study to be scheduled by the state for both the STH 16 West and STH 33 near Caledonia Street where the speed limit goes from 25-55 MPH. Horn made motion to table to the May meeting. Wingers seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Town of West Point Speed Limit Posting – Rausch Road (lake end of road).** Town of West Point wants to table.

FATAL CRASH REPORT

Horn displayed map of the 1/25/2021 crash at STH 16 & CTH C in the Village of Rio. Driver blew stop sign and T-boned vehicle causing fatal crash.

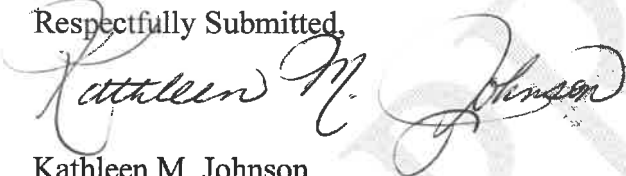
Kwik Trip (CTH CX Portage) 1/7/2021 fatal. Pedestrian slipped and fell down in front of the truck. The semi driver did not see him and ran over.

Frost gave the Highway Safety Report of county crash stats for 2019-20. There was a 56% increase in fatalities with 9/2019 and 14/2020. Total fatalities 597 (preliminary #) for 2020 and 551 for 2019. So far in 2021, 44 which is 8.3% increase from 37 in 2020 at same time frame. Portage/Dells/I90/94 interchange most overall crashes. Governor's Conference on Highway Safety planned for week of August 16-20, 2021. Legislative updates are located on Community Maps and open to the public.

A motion was made by Horn to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Hardy. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:28 AM.

Next Meeting Date: May 14, 2021, 9:30 a.m. at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, 711 E. Cook Street, Portage, Wisconsin.

Respectfully Submitted,



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