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COLUMBIA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Columbia County Law Enforcement Center
Law Enforcement Training Room
May 14, 2021 @ 9:30 AM

Commission Members Present: Josh Sween, Jerry Blystone, Chris Hardy, Chuck Miller, JoAnn Wingers, Ken Hutler, James Foley, Trace Frost, Susan Fisher, Greg Bisch, Veronica Hiley, Todd Horn, Kathy Johnson, via Zoom: Jason Kocovsky, Penny Klefer, Sgt. LeBrec

Commission Members Absent with Notice: Wayne Smith, Charlene Schmid, Richard Hoega

Commission Members Absent: Avis Link, Michael Brouette

The meeting of the Columbia County Traffic Safety Commission was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Cpt. Todd Horn. Introductions were made by all present. An attendance sheet was distributed.

Motion by Foley to approve the agenda as presented and that the meeting was properly noticed. Seconded by Blystone. Motion carried.

Motion by Hutler to approve the February 12, 2021 meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Wenger. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on options for passing lanes on STH 33 eastbound at CTH F/CTH EE. No attendance from DOT at meeting. Tabled.

2. Install permanent gates on Levee Road Portage at I39 and county line. Horn read item minutes from February meeting. Hardy stated that the Town of Caledonia has approved installation of the gates. DNR has no funding at this time, but will watch for future funding. *Motion by Hardy to remove the item from future agenda. Seconded by Horn. Motion carried.*

Frost discussed Predictive Analytics. Sgt. LaBrec gave an overview of the project that was held in Sauk County during 2019. State Patrol were assigned areas where they handed out brochures and explained why individuals were being pulled over. This project took place in high risk areas, determined by Predictive Analytics, to try and reduce crashes. BOTS would like locals to begin using the Predictive Analytics. State Patrol would like to begin to work with Columbia County and the City of Portage on a project similar to the one held in Sauk County. They will be compiling a brochure that can be handed out during the project. A map was displayed where it starts out green and turns to red then darker red in the hot spots for crashes. This information will be used to depict the areas of concern around the county. Frost asked for some information to be searched prior to the August TSC meeting. 1) What kind of project do we want to hold? 2) Portage Police Department representative to attend August meeting to discuss. 3) Pick a couple of hot spot areas around the county. Brochures will be created to distribute at stops for tickets or warnings, and hand out to businesses near the interstate later this fall after the August meeting. Community outreach will be completed including getting school organizations involved. Driving Schools throughout Columbia County will be invited to the August TSC meeting. Discussion continued.

A motion was made by Horn to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Hardy. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 AM.

Next Meeting Date: August 13, 2021, 9:30 a.m. at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, 711 E. Cook Street, Portage, Wisconsin.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen M. Johnson
Secretary, Columbia County Traffic Safety Commission