

COMMITTEE: FOREST COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2022
TIME: 1:00 P.M.
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARDROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Ronald Skallerud called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Lynne Black, Terry Lukas, Mike Miller, and Ronald Skallerud

Absent: William Anderson, and Richard Ackley

Others Present: Dan Packard, Eric Bath, Tony Kemnitz, Trace Frost, and Todd Mulvey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Lucas to approve the agenda as presented, second by Black. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Black to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting, seconded by Lucas.

Skallerud abstained from voting as he was not present at the last meeting all others present voted (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Lukas asked who was responsible for plowing the waysides. He wanted to know why some were plowed and others were not. Kemnitz from DOT and others stated they would look into the matter.

Mulvey later asked to have the Sheriff's Department Dispatchers ask individuals who report snowmobile and ATV accidents for the GPS coordinates of accidents. He wants that information to be passed onto EMS and Fire.

DOT UPDATES

Kemnitz provided the committee with an overview of the 2022 WisDOT construction projects.

- US Hwy 8 (Oneida County line to Boulevard Avenue in the City of Crandon) 6.6 miles pavement resurfacing and bridge rehabilitation. Construction will be from March to October. The Roadway will be open to traffic throughout the project.
- WI 32/55 (Crandon Rail Road Overhead to Railroad Avenue in the Town of Argonne) 5.8 miles pavement resurfacing. Construction will be from July to August. The roadway will be open with single-lane closures.
- WI 32 (Crandon – Three Lakes) Culvert Replacements. Construction will be from May through September. The roadway may be closed to traffic for ten working days.

Kemnitz presented information about "511WI.gov" and advised it can provide information about active construction projects and other Wisconsin roadway information.

B.O.T.S. UPDATES

Frost advised the committee of the 2021 crash statistics for Forest County there were 120 reported crashes resulting in 0 fatalities and 31 personal injuries. He also provided the 2020 Forest County crash statistics. There were 80 total crashes reported with 0 fatalities and 33 personal injuries. Additionally,

Frost provided community mapping of the crashes and flags related to the crashes. Frost also advised the committee that YTD 2022, there has been one fatal crash reported in Forest County.

Frost stated that 2021 crash numbers were higher not only for Forest County but was a trend that was noticed statewide. It was believed that the main factor for the increase was related to the lack of travel during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Frost reviewed the counties that have roadways open to UTV traffic and indicated that Forest County is listed as having all the County Highways open as UTV routes.

Frost also advised that B.O.T.S has Fatal Vision goggles available for use by local departments. He inquired if Forest County had any interest in using them. Packard (Crandon PD) and Skallerud (Forest County Sheriff's Department) both expressed interest in using the goggles for various presentations.

Frost further advised that on the Community Maps – Wisconsin County TSC Crash Mapping page (<https://transportal.cee.wisc.edu/partners/community-maps/crash/search/BasicSearch.do>), the Wisconsin legislative updates be accessed under the TSC Resources tab.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

- May 19, 2022, at 1:00 P.M.
- August 18, 2022, at 1:00 P.M.
- November 17, 2022, at 1:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Packard to adjourn, second by Miller. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Traffic Safety Commission meeting.