

COMMITTEE: FOREST COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
DATE: August 18, 2022
TIME: 1:00 P.M.
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARDROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Alex Walrath called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Terry Lukas, Lynne Black, Anthony Weber, Larry Berg, William Anderson, Mike Miller Absent; Jimmy Landru, Tina Anderson, and Ronald Skallerud

Others Present: Eric Bath, Tony Kemnitz, Trace Frost, and Alex Walrath

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Black to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2022 meeting, second by Weber. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

- None.

DOT UPDATES

Kemnitz advised there is currently 9 million dollars of ongoing DOT projects in Forest Co. those projects are the following:

1. USH 8 (Oneida County line to Boulevard Avenue) - Town of Crandon and City of Crandon
2. WIS 32/ 55 (Crandon RR overhead to Railroad Avenue) - City of Crandon and Town of Lincoln
3. WIS 32 (Crandon to Three Lakes) Culvert replacements - Town of Hiles
4. WIS 32 (Oconto County line to County C) - Town of Wabeno

Kemnitz advised that all project information is available on the "511WI.gov" website.

Kemnitz advised the Towns of Hiles and Popple River have had some speeding issues or questions. Both towns were provided a copy s.s. 346.57(4) and speed management guidelines in January 2022.

B.O.T.S. UPDATES

Frost advised the committee of the 2022 YTD Forest County crash statistics. There were 85 total crashes in Forest County with 1 fatal crash, 31 injury crashes, and 53 property damage crashes. 33 of the property damage crashes were car versus deer.

DISCUSSION ON STATE PATROL AND INSPECTORS IN FOREST COUNTY

Chief Deputy Walrath advised the committee that Forest Co. is expected to get a new Trooper by 2024.

Walrath also advised there have been some weight restriction problems in the Town of Popple River. Walrath advised that is normally handled by Troopers or Inspectors. If the Deputies have to handle that situation, they might have to use the scale at the Highway Dept.

DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ON HWY 8 EAST

Highway Commissioner Bill Anderson provided a letter to the committee questioning the Highway 8 to Rhinelander project, the reduction of traffic lanes by Pioneer Plaza and east ward, and the narrowing of the northern portion of the intersection of Hwy 8/32/55 in the City of Crandon. The letter was directed to the WI DOT. See letter. Motion by Lucas to file the letter with the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, second by Miller. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Lukas to adjourn, second by Black. 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.