

Committee: Forest County Traffic Safety Commission

Date: May 9th, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Forest County Board Room

CALL TO ORDER

Jeff Marvin called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Terry Lukas, Mike Miller, Anthony Weber, Jim Landru, William Chaney, Mark Chrisman FCHD, Trace Frost BOTS, Gerry Baier DOT

Others Present: William Behrman Wisconsin State Patrol, Kyle Okimosh FCP, Ryan Wilson CPD

Call meeting to order:

Motion by Terry Lukas, second by Tony Weber

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Jim Landru to approve the agenda as presented, second by Anthony Weber.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mike Miller to approve the minutes of February 15th, 2024 meeting, second by Tony Weber.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

No public comment, discussion on QuikTrip and future Off Road Race concert venue.

BOT Updates:

Trace Frost presents Power Point regarding traffic in Forest County. Trace advised in Forest there are 140 crashes last year and there were 19 fatalities last year in the state.

There are 29 crashes to date in Forest County and none have been fatalities. 2 of the accidents this past February would be considered serious crashes.

Forest County had 2 fatalities last year and our average for fatalities is 1 a year. Forest County has one hot spot for crashes and it would be Hwy 8 west near the Crandon Off Road Races.

There is a Governors conference Aug. 19-21 in Wisconsin Dells and they would like a person from every Traffic Safety committee to attend.

On May 29th @1:00PM, there is a Zoom Community Maps user group meeting.

July 31st is speed awareness day for speed enforcement Which is state wide. They would like extra speed enforcement this day.

Trace talked about TRIP SCORE for phones. Aimed at youth and they get rewards.

Trace talked about Education, Enforcement and Engineering being factors considered for safety.

There is a push to report and document wrong way drivers on divided highways. In 2022 there were 571 reports and in 2023 there were 528 reports of wrong way drivers. No divided highways in Forest County. Most accidents are at night and on the weekends.

There are updates to community maps and there are training videos on community maps.

Gerard Baier DOT:

5 projects this year for Forest County

Wabeno has 2 projects that start in May. Down town Wabeno May-Oct, which include sidewalks, curb, gutter and changing the center of roadway.

In April, they did a speed recording in Wabeno for 4 days. 85% we under 35 MPH, average was 31-32 MPH. 5 MPH over is the DOT's goal, because 5 MPH over is expected.

The Soper Road/County C project is put off until 2025.

Hwy 55, Northern Forest by Hwy 70 is to start in June and is a mill and surface.

Downtown Crandon will start after July 4th, 2024. This will be Hwy 8 by Glen St. and go to near Pioneer St. This will include sidewalks and slope of Road.

2025 will be Hwy 8 from Crandon to Laona.

The DOT is also doing signage on Hwy 55 and County A due to accidents and making the signage more visible.

No WSP in the near future for Forest County.

Next meeting set for August 15th, 2024 at 1:00 PM. Motion by Bill Chaney, second by Terry Lukas. Carried

Motion to adjourn by Terry Lukas and Seconded by Anthony Weber. Carried.

SET TIME FOR NEXT MEETING

August 9th, 2024 at 1:00 PM