

## **Minutes of the Bayfield County Traffic Safety Commission**

**Thursday, May 19, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Bayfield County Traffic Safety Committee was called to order by Sheriff Paul Susienka at 9:00am on Thursday, May 19, 2022, in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) as well as online via Microsoft Teams.

**Attendees:** Sheriff Paul Susienka, Bob Anderson- Highway Commissioner, Dan Kontos-WI DOT/DSP BOTS, Aaron Christ- WI DOT, Sgt. Pat Kraetke- WI State Patrol, J. Benton-Red Cliff, Sheree Collins-Education Representative, Meagan Quaderer-Emergency Management, Sara Wartman-Health Dept., Deb Milanowski-Sheriff's Office

**Approval of minutes:** Motion by Bob Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sheree Collins to approve the meeting minutes from February 17, 2022. Motion approved.

**Public input:** No comments

### **Report by Bayfield County Traffic Safety Coordinator:**

General discussion speed on the roadways and the increase of high-speed in stops.

### **Report by WI DOT Traffic Safety Coordinator-Dan Kontos:**

A. Review of 2022 numbers:

*County wide-*

2022 crashes down from 88 in 2021 to 78 for this period

2021 total fatal – 1, 2022-0 currently

2021 total injured 16 and currently, only 13 for 2022

*Statewide* – down in total crash fatalities, there is and an increase in fatalities with a decrease in injuries

B. Top crash Flags for 2022

Deer

Speed

Impaired

Distracted

YTD impaired (alcohol and/or drugs) 5% so far this year and 13.6% in 2021

3 Acts have passed:

Act 155-judges can consider medications with safety plan

Act 164- ATV/UTV speed limits

Act 255-Green warning lamps for counties and municipalities

Upcoming Training:

Drug Recognition Expert 10/4-11/4

Milwaukee Co. SO Training Academy-applications due by 7/15

Governor's Conference will be held August 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> in Wisconsin Dells.  
Appearing in person and for is \$50 for all 3 days.

### **Report of Wisconsin DOT- Aaron Christ**

Projects 2022

1. South Shore Rd -8/1-9/30
2. Pine Creek Bridge- 6/15 to middle of August
3. US 63-North job:last week of May with the asphalt coming on 6/6;  
South job-starting after 4<sup>th</sup> of July through October
4. Maintenance-crack filling on Hwy 13 and Hwy 2 starting around the  
middle of July. The Bibon swamp will have low spots filled in for now.

**Report of State Patrol-Sgt. Pat Kraetke:** Nothing to Report

### **Public Health-Sara Wartman**

Car seat program is on-going. Car seats are at Ashland Fire and can be handed out to Ashland & Bayfield residents. Discussion of emergency management and health working together to send someone to training for car seats.

Health has an outreach program that covers many things. Possibly could address impaired driving and safety.

### **Bayfield Co Highway Department-Bob Anderson**

Hwy J & I started this week. Milled and paved in 2 weeks. Will come back at the end of July to finish the final paving. Regular maintenance through the summer

**Education Representative-Sheree Collins:** Nothing to report

**Red Cliff -Jeff Benton**-Working on new highway construction. Speed signs still not working. Worked the 1<sup>st</sup> week and then haven't worked since. Update on projects to be done in Red Cliff-maintenance crews out crack sealing, etc.

**Emergency Management-Meagan Quaderer**- Will have a booth at the County Fair focusing on safety. Will hold some prize drawings.

***Next Meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2022, at 9:00am at the Bayfield County Sheriff's Office in the EOC and remotely.***

Meeting adjourned at 9:55am

Submitted by: Deb Milanowski

Minutes approved on: 8/18/22 @ 9:05 am