

**WOOD COUNTY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Time: 10:30 AM

Place: Conference Room

Wood County Highway Department

555 17th Avenue North

Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

WebEx Info:

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Agenda

Present – Roland Hawk Wood County Highway Commissioner, Ben Nikolai BOTS, Rhae Stertz Wisconsin State Patrol, Charlie Hoogesteger Wood County Sheriff's Department, Dan Kontos DOT BOTS, Melvin Pedersen Grand Rapids Police Department, Anna Schenk WisDOT, Joseph Zurfluh Wood County Board Supervisor, Scott Dewitt Wisconsin Rapids Police Department, Arne Nystrom Town of Grand Rapids Chairman, Alexa Acker Wood County Emergency Management

1. Minutes of the June 2021 Traffic Safety Commission Meeting

Motion by Dan Kontos to accept the minutes, second by Mel Pedersen. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Review 2 crash reports

Town of Saratoga, August 6, 2021. Semi versus car on Hwy 73.

Town of Saratoga, August 21, 2021. Motorcycle versus deer on Hwy 73. Died on transport. Some investigation still in process.

Both crashes have been closed out.

3. Report from the Department of Transportation Engineer – No DOT report.
4. Local Program Specialist report –

Dan gave a summary of crashes as of 9/7/2021. See attached PowerPoint. Dan then went through the reports and other features of how to navigate the portal site.

5. WisDOT Predictive Analytics Project

- a. Review Project Proposal – See attached proposal. Question was brought up whether there could be a request for additional funding if available for overtime and/or increased patrol. Dan reinstated that this was the previous equipment grant and money will be used along with the reallocation of any leftover funds.

Another subcommittee meeting will take place to discuss materials, areas of focus and costs of the project. It will be outlined how the project will be run in order to identify resources. The next meeting date for the subcommittee is November 10th, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in the Highway Department Conference Room.

- b. Submit for Approval

Motion by Roland Hawk to approve the Predictive Analytics Project, second by Mel Pedersen. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Any other business brought properly before the Commission

Anna Schenk gave a report for the Predictive Analytics Project about the time of day and different seasons of when crashes appear to be taking place. In both Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield the main areas of concern are between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on weekdays in the summer and fall. In Grand Rapids the main areas of concern are between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday in the summer and fall. In the rest of the county the main areas of concern are between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. any day of the week in the summer and fall.

Ben Nikolai touched base on some public outreach including, seatbelt safety, distracted driving simulations and a motorcycle safety program. The motorcycle safety program will be up and running September 12, 2021 at the Grand Affair event. If there is a need for these programs, the bureau would be the main contact. These programs are not stand alone events but can be a supplement for bigger events.

The next regular Traffic Safety meeting will take place on December 8, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in the Wood County Highway Conference Room.

7. Public Comments - No public comments

8. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Roland Hawk, second by Mel Pedersen at 11:22 a.m.

Minutes taken by: Alexa Acker – Wood County Emergency Management