

WINNEBAGO COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2009 9:00AM

Members Present:

Mike McGinley – Community Representative
Scott Nelson – WisDOT NE Region
Mike Panosh – DOT-BOTS
Kurt Schoeni – Oshkosh Police Department
Dan Kussmann – City of Oshkosh Transit Department
Jordan Jungwirth – Wisconsin State Patrol
Daunita Kline – Senior Representative
John Zimmerman – Winnebago Co. Sheriff's Department

The meeting was called to order at 9:05AM by Mike McGinley, acting Chair. Chairperson Georgia Buttke was unable to attend. Members were recorded and collected.

Motion to accept the minutes from the April 8th meeting by Zimmerman. One correction made – incorrect name listed on page 2 was amended to “Doemel”. 2nd by Kussmann; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Zimmerman – No fatal crashes from Winnebago County during the 2nd quarter of 2009. One very serious crash occurred on 06-03-09: It occurred on STH 76 at Fairview Rd. Crash was motorcycle vs. car, motorcycle operator (34 YOA) still in serious condition. Briefly discussed fatal crash that occurred 07-03-09 on USH 41, south of STH 21: SUV vs. pedestrian. Crash will be brought up at next meeting.

Nelson – Larger start-up of Construction Project on US Highway 41. Preparation of the new Snell Rd./Fountain Av. overpass has begun, the overpass is expected to be completed this year. Also will start to bring in fill for the widened causeway over Lake Butte Des Morts. In 2010 the Witzel overpass will be closed for replacement – crews were out doing prep work on this.

Kline – Shrubs / weeds are obstructing view when pulling out of Dr's Clark and Dudley office driveway on Doctor's Court. Its not a major thoroughfare or high speed area, but potential hazard. Kussman / Schoeni noted the location.

Panosh – Wisconsin Fatalities for the year are still down, including Winnebago County. Motorcycle fatalities are up significantly (approx 40%). Possible contributing factors are riding without a helmet and/or riding without eye protection. Bicycle crashes are also slightly higher. Wisconsin became the 30th state to pass primary enforcement for seatbelt violations. It still remains a \$10 forfeiture; Wisconsin expects a 10% increase in seatbelt usage.

Schoeni – No fatalities to report. Discussed traffic backups caused by mechanical problems at the Wisconsin Street bridge – bridge was down but gates / lights were activated. Switches were replaced for the traffic gates.

Kussmann – Dan began his new position as the Oshkosh Transit Director. He would like to continue attendance at the meetings but 9am Wednesday mornings is not good time.

Members discussed various safety features – crosswalk signals, school crossings, and traffic flow / progression. Brief discussion about roundabouts.

Governor’s conference on Highway Safety is coming up on August 19th and 20th.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00am on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department.

Motion to adjourn made by Kline; 2nd by Kussmann. Motion carried.

JRZ