

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2012

Members Present:

Mike McGinley – Community Representative
Scott Nelson – Wis DOT – NE Region
Chris Blazek – Wis DOT – NE Region
Bob Doemel – Winnebago County Highway
William Anthes – Winnebago County Sheriff's Department
Michael Panosh – DOT – BOTS
Daunita Kline – Community Representative

Meeting was called to order by William Anthes at 9:00 a.m. Members were recorded and collected. Minutes from the previous meeting on October 12, 2011 were not on the county's website and as such not approved by the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

McGinley – National conference at the Paper Valley hotel on July 14th thru the 17th. Subject is driver's education for both public and private entities.

Nelson – Hwy 21 will be closed beginning March 19th. It will open again in late Fall. Public meetings will be held on the subject. Discussed citizen concern regarding the glare on the new highway surface. Also a question regarding the criteria for walls on highway both on the inside and outside of the highway. Introduced Chris Blazek who is the new supervisor.

Doemel – Lack of snow throughout the winter season has allowed for more maintenance work on ditches. Department was getting ready for the snowfall that was anticipated that evening.

Kline – Concern regarding the parking lot in the back of the Schultz pharmacy. Also a concern regarding the possibility of falls and the walking distance from the parking spaces to the pharmacy for elderly residents. Question whether or not handicapped parking was within a reasonable distance of the pharmacy. Committee noted that the parking lot was city property and as such the matter would be referred to the appropriate city contact. Also noted a concern regarding a pothole at the Sears/Kmart lot.

Panosh – Wisconsin ended the year with 570 traffic fatalities versus 562 for 2010. Although higher that number is still lower than the 5 year average of 600.

Anthes – Fatals were discussed. One fatal crash at GG at Hilltop, vehicle rollover which resulted in an ejection. Both the driver and passengers tested positive for alcohol. Also a crash at 41 and 21 in which the driver hit the concrete median and then hit construction equipment.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department.

Motion to adjourn by Anthes; 2nd by McGinley. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.