

Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee

December 4, 2012

3rd Floor Board Room, Taylor County Courthouse

Call Meeting to Order: Jess Sackmann called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Members Present: Jess Sackmann, Jill Scheithauer, Tom Knoop, Bruce Kinlen, Steven Bachman, Nick Synol, Diane Niggemann, Robert Lee, Dorothy Falasky and Bill Daniels.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Tom Knoop/Dorothy Falasky and carried to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2012 meeting.

Taylor County Traffic Safety Coordinator Sergeant Nick Synol reported that there were two separate traffic fatalities in Taylor County since the September meeting, bringing the total to four for the year.

On September 4 a two vehicle crash occurred on CTH A east of Stetsonville resulting in a side impact collision. On October 18 a car versus deer crash became a fatality when the operator of the vehicle stepped into oncoming traffic on STH 73 by Trucker Lane. The remainder of the quarter remained relatively quiet.

Northwest Region Transportation Safety Coordinator Tom Knoop reviewed state traffic statistics and laws. December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. Knoop reported that drugged driving is becoming more common.

Wisconsin Act 164 took effect November 1, 2012. The act prohibits use of a cell phone while driving by a person who holds a probationary license or instructional permit.

Knoop also reported that the Wisconsin Highway Safety Coordinators Association is trying to recruit more members.

Other discussions took place regarding the pros and cons of centerline rumble strips, acceptance of round-a-bouts, ATV routes on roads and highways, and ongoing concerns about the safety of the STH 13 and CTH O intersection.

2013 meeting dates were set for:

- March 5
- June 4
- September 3
- December 3

Next Committee Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee will be March 5, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.

Adjournment: Motion by Kinlen/Bachman and carried to adjourn at 10:50.

Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee

September 4, 2012

3rd Floor Board Room, Taylor County Courthouse

Call Meeting to Order: Jess Sackmann called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Members Present: Jess Sackmann, Jill Scheithauer, Tom Knoop, Bruce Kinlen, Steven Bachman, Nick Synol, Diane Niggemann and Bill Daniels.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Tom Knoop/Jill Scheithauer and carried to approve the minutes of the June 5 meeting.

Taylor County Traffic Safety Coordinator Sergeant Nick Synol reported that there were no traffic fatalities in Taylor County since the June 5 meeting. Sergeant Synol reported on an accident near Rib Lake involving four teenagers. Speed was a factor in the accident. Synol also reported there were two accidents on County Road G at the same location about one week apart. Speed and alcohol were factors in the accidents.

Northwest Region Transportation Safety Coordinator Tom Knoop reviewed state traffic statistics and laws addressing cell phone usage while driving.

Knoop reported that attendance was good at the Governor's Conference on Safety which was held August 28 and 29.

Knoop reported on the September Law of the Month which state drivers must be even more vigilant when school starts.

Northwest Region Traffic Engineer Steve Bachmann reported that signs have been installed to address the sight distance issue on the State Highway 102 and County Road C intersection.

Mr. Bachmann also reported that the problems at the Highways 13 and 64 intersection were investigated. The turn lane issues may be addressed the next time the intersection is rebuilt.

A discussion was held on centerline rumble strips that will be installed on Highway 13 in Taylor County and other highways in the state.

Highway Commissioner Sackmann reported on the State Highway 102 construction project and projects on County Highway O.

Next Committee Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee will be December 4, 2012

Adjournment: Motion by Kinlen/Niggemann and carried to adjourn at 10:45.

Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee

June 5, 2012

3rd Floor Board Room, Taylor County Courthouse

Call Meeting to Order: Gary Gretzinger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Gary Gretzinger, Jill Scheithauer, Tom Knoop, Bruce Kinlen, Steven Bachman, Greg Helgeson, Dorothy Falasky, Robert Lee and Ken Coyer.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Dorothy Falasky/Ken Coyer and carried to approve the minutes of the March 6 meeting.

Highway Department Operations Manager Gary Gretzinger reported on a local traffic fatality which occurred on May 22, 2012.

Northwest Region Transportation Safety Coordinator Tom Knoop reviewed state traffic statistics, bills that are being enacted into laws and the ignition interlock for drunk driving offenders. He also reported on the Governor's Conference which is scheduled for August 28 and 29.

Northwest Region Traffic Engineer Steve Bachmann reported that a sight distance check was performed on the State Highway 102 and County Road C intersection. The results are not yet available.

Mr. Bachmann also reported that there will be traffic control lights installed on State Highway 102 during the planned bridge replacement. There will also be centerline rumble strips installed on State Highway 13 from Stetson Avenue south to the county line.

State Trooper Kinlen suggested installing centerline rumble strips on all of State Highway 13 to the north county line when the road is repaved.

Medford City Chief of Police Coyer reported that he has applied for funding for "Safe Routes to School" for three locations. A discussion was held on the safety issue caused by the lack of a sidewalk by the BP Station.

Next Committee Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee will be September 4, 2012

Adjournment: Motion by Coyer/Knoop and carried to adjourn at 10:40.

Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee

March 6, 2012

3rd Floor Board Room, Taylor County Courthouse

Call Meeting to Order: Jess Sackmann called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Jess Sackmann, Tim Hansen, Nick Synol, Rick Tumaniec, Jill Scheithauer, Tom Knoop, Bruce Kinlen, Steven Bachman, Dorothy Falasky, Diane Niggemann and Ken Coyer.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Dorothy Falasky/Ken Coyer and carried to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2011 meeting.

Taylor County Traffic Safety Coordinator Sergeant Nick Synol reported on the first traffic fatality of 2012 which occurred on January 17 involving a 17 year old female in the Town of Deer Creek on Hall Drive. Sergeant Synol also reported on the high percentage of traffic that does not stop at the STH 13 & 64 intersection when making a right turn southbound.

Northwest Region Transportation Safety Coordinator Tom Knoop reported that year to date fatalities are up from 2011 mainly due to some multifatality accidents. Other statistics and data were presented and discussed, including new laws and pending legislation. The law of the month for March is "Click It or Ticket".

Northwest Region Traffic Engineer Rick Tumaniec reported on the uneven speed limit on State Highway 13 south of County Road O. It has been determined that this is an allowable situation and not an issue unless future problems arise.

Mr. Tumaniec also reported that he checked on the HWY 102 & C dangerous intersection that was brought up by State Patrolman Kinlen. A possible solution is an intersection warning sign with a reduced advisory speed.

Mr. Tumaniec gave a report on the Traffic Incident Management Enhancement Program.

Highway Commissioner Sackmann reported on the spring road postings.

Next Committee Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee will be June 5, 2012

Adjournment: Motion by Knoop/Tumaniec and carried to adjourn at 11:15.