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**Minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission Meeting**  
**8:30am, Thursday, August 19, 2010**  
**Bayfield County Annex Building**

The meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission was called to order by Sheriff Bob Follis on Thursday, August 19, 2010 in the Bayfield County Annex Building, Washburn, WI .

**Members present:** Bob Follis, Jan Victorson, Dennis Johnson, Morris Luke, Brett Heino and Don Swedberg.

Motion to approve minutes from the June 19, 2010 meeting by Jan Victorson was seconded by Morris Luke and passed unanimously.

There was no public input.

Bob Follis said that he had received a request to place "deer crossing signs" in the area along Highway 13 between Burlager Road/Bodin Road and the Madeline Island Historical Marker. Morris Luke stated that the Wisconsin DOT is trying to limit the number of deer crossing signs in the state but he would look into putting signs in that location.

Bob Follis reported that there were 47 accidents in Bayfield County during the second quarter (April, May & June) of 2010. There were two fatalities, 14 accidents with personal injury and 31 accidents with property damage during the second quarter. There have been 119 fatalities in Bayfield County since 1980.

Jan Victorson had no report.

DOT Officials, Dennis Johnson and Morris Luke, reported that there have been <sup>71</sup>~~331~~ motorcycle accidents and 27 fatalities involving pedestrians. Dennis handed out information on laws of the month for June 2010 (Is Speeding Worth the Risk of Death, Injury, Money and Time?); July, 2010 (Drivers Must Yield to Pedestrians); and August 2010 (Intersection crashes can be prevented by obeying traffic signals). He also handed out the "Field Observation of Safety Belt Use in Wisconsin". Safety belt use reached 80% in July 2010. Safety belt use by drivers over 60 years old is 79%, 74% for drivers in the 26 to 59 age range and 58% for drivers in the 16 to 25 age range. Female driver seat belt use is ten percent higher than seat belt use by male drivers in Wisconsin. Bayfield County and the City of Washburn are eligible to

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apply for safety grants (\$15,000) that require 25 percent matching funds. In kind contributions can be used to satisfy the matching funds requirement.

Officer Brett Heino presented an email that he had received asking why there is a no passing zone on Highway 2 between Forest Road 223 and Delta Road west of the pellet plant. Sheriff Follis said the no passing zone is there because of the intersections in that area of the highway.

Morris Luke handed out a brochure on the Statewide Traffic Incident Management Conference that will be held at the Kalahari Resort Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin on September 21-22, 2010.

Don Swedberg reported that he had received complaints about the signage in Washburn along Highway 13 involved with the detour caused by highway repair in the Red Cliff area.

Motion to adjourn by Morris Luke was seconded by Dennis Johnson and passed unanimously.

**Next meeting will be held on November 18, 2010.**