

**MINUTES OF THE BAYFIELD COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY – February 18, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Bayfield County Traffic Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Toepfer at 8:30AM on February 18, 2010 at the Bayfield County Highway office in Washburn, WI.

Present were committee members: Robert Follis - Sheriff; Jan Victorson - Emergency Management; Dennis Johnson – WISDOT / BOTS; Morris Luke – WISDOT; Don Swedberg – Citizen Representative; Brett Heino – WI State Patrol

Motion by Swedberg / Heino and carried to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting of the Bayfield County Traffic Safety Committee.

There was no public input.

Wisconsin DOT Regional Program Manager Dennis Johnson reported that there have been 33 fatalities to date this year on state trunk highways compared with 56 on this date in 2009 and 70 as a five year average. At the time of the February meeting, 544 fatalities for 2009 was the preliminary total, the lowest since 1944.

Johnson updated the committee on Wis. Act 100 – OWI Reform, the June 1 Mandatory Insurance Law, Texting Law AB 496 ( which passed in the assembly ) and Act 97 allowing u-turns in controlled intersections. Johnson reported on the State Patrol Laws of the Month and on upcoming Bicycle Safety Training for 2010.

Bayfield County Traffic Coordinator Sheriff Bob Follis presented a report on 2009 traffic accidents noting one fatality in 2009. No trends were readily apparent on the spot map.

Morey Luke, WISDOT, reported that solicitations will be out in March for an April Hazard Elimination Grant Submission. Luke also reported on the speed limit changes proposed for Washburn and Bayfield.

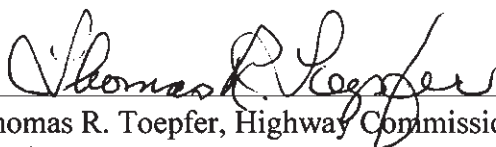
The committee discussed the environmental costs of increased sodium chloride use as a road de-icer.

Emergency Government Director Jan Victorson reported on the impacts of reduced helicopter support for local EMS units.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 20, 2010.

Motion by Luke / Victorson and carried to adjourn at 10:15 am.

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Thomas R. Toepfer, Highway Commissioner  
Bayfield County Highway Department