

MINUTES OF THE BAYFIELD COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, August 16, 2018

The regular meeting of the Bayfield County Traffic Safety Committee was called to order by Lt. Andy Runice at 9:03 am on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at the Bayfield County Emergency Operations Center, Washburn, WI.

Attendees: Andy Runice, Bayfield County Patrol Lt., Dan Bieberitz-WI DOT Representative, Jan Victorson-Emergency Management, Don Swedberg-Community Representative, Sgt. Kraetzke-State Patrol (9:12am), Deb Milanowski-Bayfield County Sheriff's Office

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Don Swedberg, 2nd by Dan Bieberitz to approve the minutes from May 17, 2018. *Motion carried (3-0)*

Public Input: None

Report from Bayfield County Traffic Safety Coordinator: Reviewed the accidents on community maps. Majority of accidents located on major highways since these are the roads most travelled. There were 3 motorcycle accidents so far this year. Two were no injury crashes and one was a bad one (with injuries). There is one fatal accident so far this year.

Report from WI DOT Traffic Safety Coordinator: Dan updated the committee on the progress of the bridge that was washed out during the June storm. This project should be finished and the road open by the end of August. There will be a ribbon cutting along with an appearance by the Governor. There is re-paving occurring from the round-a-bout to Hwy 63 with Flagger present. This project runs from now through late September. There will be safety improvements near the Hwy 13 /Turner Road intersection. They are flattening the curve. Construction should start next week and be completed by the end of September.

The Iron River bridge project: the bridge is uneven at this time, but the company who did the bridge will be coming back to fix the issue.

Report from Highway Commissioner: None

Report from BOTS LE Liaison: Randy couldn't make the meeting; however, he sent an email with updates: These include a review of fatalities in Bayfield County. We have one so far this year, but the 5-year average is 3. Statewide, trending slightly behind last year. Reviewed the Bayfield County Traffic Safety Profile. There was a request by members to have this document emailed out to them which was done on August 20, 2018. Information regarding a seatbelt application that is available was provided; however, the committee was unsure on how to get this application.

Report from Emergency Management: Jan indicated that she attends a couple of other meetings where the Bayfield County Traffic Safety Profile report would be very helpful. She wants to make it

known to those other committees that we meet as a group quarterly. The Public Infrastructure damage from the June storm came to almost \$4 million which doesn't include federal or state roads. There will be an applicant briefing next Thursday (August 23, 2018) for anyone who had damage from the storm. They will be reimbursed at 87.5%. Individuals can only do the community block grant and that has income guidelines.

Report from Community Representative: Don brought up a concern from the fires in CA where emergency vehicles were having difficulties getting down certain road (or not at all). This is concerning up here since there are several roads that are closed. Brought up that he heard that there were roundabouts going into Minnesota because there are federal dollars for those. Dan hasn't heard anything regarding that for the State of Wisconsin and he isn't aware of that in Minnesota either.

Report from State Patrol: Sgt. Kraetzke wanted a status on the County G bypass and whether their agency was still needed. Coverage is still needed by the State Patrol at this time.

Report from the Education Representative: Sheree was unable to attend.

Next meeting is scheduled for 11/15/18 at 9:00am at the Bayfield County Sheriff's Office in the EOC.

Meeting ended at 9:30am

Submitted by: Deb Milanowski

Minutes Approved on: 11/15/18 9:02 am