



**MANITOWOC COUNTY
MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING NOTICE**

DATE: January 18, 2011

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Dept. (Conference Room A)

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2. Approval of previous minutes
3. Public Input

4. Follow-up on site evaluations from prior meetings
 - a) Vision obstruction at I-43 and CTH XX off-ramp
 - b) Turnaround improvement on I-43 near Fisherville
5. Request for site evaluations
6. Legislative update report from WIDOT-BOTS representative Mike Panosh
7. Report on recent fatalities

Date: January 11, 2011

Todd E. Hermann, Chairperson

By: Kathy Leist, Secretary

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MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Date: 01/18/11

Location: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department

Present: Rod Hamilton-WISDOT (representing Scott Nelson), Bradley Seymour, Gary Markowski, Rick Wolfe, Todd Hermann, Rick Habeck, Allan Hibbard, Barbara Herrmann, Joseph Collins, and Kathy Leist

Excused: Robert Hermann, Nancy Crowley, Michael Panosh, John Kropp, Scott Schneider and Scott Nelson

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Todd Hermann.

Minutes: There was one correction to the minutes of the 10/19/10 meeting—page 1, Public Input, ~~Sgt.~~ Markowski corrected to *Trooper* Markowski. Motion to approve the minutes as corrected by Bradley Seymour, second by Rick Wolfe; motion carried.

Public Input: Sgt. Seymour complimented the driving by the general public during the snowy conditions and slippery roads on 01/17/11. He noted that most were driving 40-45 mph, not many problems, and some minor crashes. The Highway Department also did a good job keeping the highways in good driving condition. There was one semi jackknifed on I-43 but it was not necessary to close the Interstate.

Follow-up on site evaluations from prior meetings:

Vision Obstruction at I-43 and CTH XX off-ramp: Rod Hamilton stated that DOT staff checked the location and removed the obstruction.

Turnaround improvement on I-43 near Fisherville: Rod Hamilton reported that the improvement was included in the original construction project, but it was removed by the Project Manager for unknown reason. No additional work is planned for the area but it may be included in a future project.

Fatalities: No fatalities occurred this year thus far. There were ten fatalities in 2010, the last one occurred on 10/03/10.

Next meeting: April 19, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 10:07 a.m. by Chief Joe Collins, second by Barbara Herrmann; motion carried.

Kathy Leist, Secretary



MANITOWOC COUNTY
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 - Discussion on installing No Parking signs on Hwy 310 at Bar None tavern

6. Legislative update report from WIDOT-BOTS representative Mike Panosh

7. Report on recent fatalities

Date: July 12, 2011

Todd E. Hermann, Chairperson

By: Kathy Leist, Secretary

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Location: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department

Present: Todd Hermann, Barb Herrmann, Bryan Aschenbrenner, Rick Wolfe, Scott Nelson, Rick Habeck, Bradley Seymour, Mike Panosh, John Kropp, Joseph Collins, Scott Schneider and Kathy Leist

Excused: Rick Henrickson, Allan Hibbard, Robert Hermann

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chairperson Todd Hermann at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes: There was no meeting in April 2011 because there were no discussion items. Minutes of the January 18, 2011 were approved on motion by Barbara Herrmann, second by John Kropp; motion carried.

Public Input: None

Follow-up on site evaluations from prior meetings: None

Request for site evaluations

Request to lower speed limit on STH 42, .5 mile each way from Fricke Drive: Jim Webb, a resident of the area requested the speed reduction to 45 mph. He and his neighbors are concerned that the road will turn into a super highway after current construction is completed. His other concern involves loaded trucks traveling 15-20 mph while coming out of Fricke Redi-Mix and C&F Trucking. There is a hill in the area which makes it difficult for other traffic to see the trucks. Jim further stated that when weigh scales on I-43 are open, some trucks use Hwy 42 as an alternate route which increases truck traffic. No video done because highway is under construction. Accident history from 2005 to present shows a total of 4 accidents—1 deer and 3 property damage. Al Hibbard wanted his objection to the speed reduction included for the record.

Scott Nelson stated that STH 42 now has the requirements for a 55 mph zone. Since the Town of Manitowoc Rapids has already recommended the reduced speed limit to 45 mph, the request will be forwarded to the State. Rod Hamilton from the State will do the speed study once the highway is reopened. This matter will be placed on the agenda for our next Traffic Safety meeting in October. Scott Nelson will also check if any warning signs are installed in that area because of the trucks. John Kropp commented that the City of Manitowoc's official map shows two connecting roads in the planning for that area, possibly looking at some development in the future. (*Special Note: Todd Hermann contacted Jim Webb and Town Chairman David Korte at 1:00 p.m. on 7/19/11 and advised them that D.O.T. will conduct a speed study.*)

Discussion on installing No Parking signs on Hwy 310 at Bar None tavern: Trooper Aschenbrenner reported that he noticed on several occasions parking is done on both sides of Hwy 310 at Bar None, a hazardous condition as it is not lighted and many deer crashes have occurred there. Live bands playing in the bar attract crowds and lots of vehicles usually on weekends. Chairman of the Town of Two Rivers William Wilfert understands the need for

safety. Another safety issue of concern involves bar patrons crossing the road at night. Sgt. Seymour recommended posting No Parking signs on both north and south sides of the road. Because this is an unincorporated area, state statutes prohibit parking without lighting.

Scott said they will wait for a recommendation from the township before looking at signing. A letter will be sent to the Town of Two Rivers explaining it is illegal to park on STH 310 without lighting and request their support of No Parking signing. Another letter to the owner of Bar None was further recommended citing additional safety reasons: width of the roadway, hazards of crossing in the dark, and steep ditches. This issue will be placed on the agenda for our October meeting.

Signing Crosswalks on Highway 10, Reedsville: Reedsville Police Chief JoAnn Mignon was unable to attend the meeting and emailed information about putting additional signs near the 3rd and 4th street crosswalks on Highway 10. She is looking into grant money for installing flashing signs. The matter was discussed, and improvements are the responsibility of the Village of Reedsville. Scott Nelson will contact Chief Mignon and provide available options under the Small Highway Improvement Grant and the Walk to School Grant available through DOT. No further action needed.

Legislative update from WIDOT-BOTS representative Mike Panosh: Mike Panosh reported 262 Wisconsin traffic fatalities occurred as of 7/18/2011 compared to 273 in the same time period last year. He stated a tremendous gain has been made in Wisconsin from 2007 when there were 380 fatalities. Thus far in 2011, there was one fatality in Manitowoc County compared to a total of 10 last year. Brown County had 7 thus far. Seatbelt use has been the highest ever with help from enforcement grant money. Gas prices also had an effect.

Governor's Conference on Highway Safety will be held on August 30 and 31 in Green Bay. Train the Trainer on Emergency Traffic Enforcement will be held the day before the conference, and it will again be offered in fall for the Manitowoc/Sheboygan corridor.

Fatalities: Manitowoc County's first fatality in 2011 occurred on 7/07/11 on Reifs Mills Rd., west of Naidl Rd. at 7:19 a.m. The two-vehicle, head-on collision in the Town of Franklin involved an eastbound female driver, crossing the centerline for an unknown reason, and striking a westbound vehicle. The female driver was killed. All wore seatbelts, no indication of cell phone use. It was a clear, straight stretch of road. The autopsy and toxicology reports will reveal more; it may have been a medical issue. More follow-up with those results at our next meeting.

Next meeting: October 18, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 10:34 a.m. by Joe Collins, second by John Kropp; motion carried.

Kathy Leist
Secretary



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 - No Parking Signs on STH 310 at Bar None tavern

5. Request for site evaluations
 - Request for 25 mph sign installed on Pigeon Lake Road south of Autumn Ridge Road for motorists exiting the Golf Course and turning south on Pigeon Lake Road

6. Legislative update report from WIDOT-BOTS representative

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Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Todd Hermann.

Mike Panosh (former BOTS representative on our Commission) has taken a supervisor position with Department of Motor Vehicles in Green Bay. Andrea Loeffelholz, Southern Regional Program Manager represented Mike at the October meeting. It is unsure who will be his regular replacement.

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the July 19, 2011 meeting by John Kropp, second by Rick Wolfe; motion carried.

Public Input: Todd Hermann reported on a phone call he received from Patricia Kubichka, owner of Bar None Tavern. There has been no feedback from the Town of Two Rivers on posting *No Parking Signs* on STH 310 in the vicinity of the tavern, and it appears the Town has no objections.

Follow-up on site evaluations from prior meetings

No Parking Signs on STH 310 at Bar None Tavern: Scott Nelson stated they will sign the area as requested by the Town of Two Rivers. No parking appears to be more appropriate for both sides of the road. (Ms. Kubichka wanted restricted parking on one side only.) Scott Nelson will email Todd Hermann information on *no parking* during hours of darkness vs. all hours of the day. Scott suggested signs be installed before the ground freezes or the work will have to wait until spring. (Note: A letter was sent to Chairperson William Wilfert on 10/27/11 requesting a recommendation from the Town of Two Rivers for no parking signs on both sides of STH 310 in the area of Bar None Tavern. A copy of the letter was mailed to Patricia Kubichka at Bar None Tavern. A second letter was sent to Patricia Kubichka informing her of the discussion that took place at the 10/18/11 meeting and that the designation of no parking will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting scheduled for 01/17/12.)

Request to lower speed limit on STH 42: Scott Nelson reported the speed study showed an average speed of 59.2 mph, and there would probably be little compliance at 45 mph. Typically with that kind of sight distance, a wide open area for motorists to see traffic coming, the State wouldn't sign it down to 45 mph. Scott Nelson will respond to the Town of Manitowoc Rapids and Jim Webb, the resident initially requesting lowering the speed limit, indicating the State's recommendation to keep the speed limit at 55 mph

Request for site evaluations

Request for 25 mph sign installed on Pigeon Lake Road, south of Autumn Ridge Road: John

Kropp stated the entire area, a major residential area, is signed at 25 mph. Installing an additional sign is the responsibility of the Town of Liberty. The initial request for an additional sign came from John Kocourek who feels it is a hazard for traffic leaving Autumn Ridge Road travelling southbound. Todd Hermann spoke to Town of Liberty Chairperson Bill Pitz who felt the road is signed properly. A letter will be sent the Town of Liberty and John Kocourek recommending the Town of Liberty installs an additional 25 mph speed limit sign on Pigeon Lake Road, south of Autumn Ridge Road. From an enforcement standpoint, it is not fair to expect motorists to adhere to a speed limit that is not posted. *(Note: A letter was sent to Town of Liberty Chairperson Bill Pitz (with a copy to John Kocourek) stating the Manitowoc County Traffic Safety Commission's recommendation to install a 25 mph speed limit sign on Pigeon Lake Road, to the south of Autumn Ridge Rd. and requesting their response.)*

Legislative update: Andrea Loeffelholz, Southern Regional Program Manager from BOTS distributed a calendar, statistics on Motorcycle Fatalities in Wisconsin in 2011, Weekly Fatality Report as of 10/16/11, and Bills of Interest to the Wisconsin Traffic Safety Community as of 10/03/11. (Copies attached)

As of 9/23/11, 74 motorcycle fatalities occurred in Wisconsin (see attached map) with color-coded comparisons from 2009 and 2010. A total of 441 traffic fatalities occurred in Wisconsin as of 10/16/11. Three of the safest months were February, March and May. The report also showed Wisconsin county comparisons. There were 8 traffic fatalities in Manitowoc County to date. The accident initially classified as a fatality which occurred on 10/09/11 on I-43 and County Highway C is not a traffic fatality as a medical condition was the cause of death.

Andrea Loeffelholz also highlighted legislation enacted into law, legislation passed in committee or house, legislation introduced, and bills of interest to Wisconsin traffic safety community. Act 32 (Governor's Budget) requires individuals found guilty of OWI to reimburse law enforcement agencies for OWI test costs. AB 120 (Pedal Pubs) was introduced which would prohibit municipalities from banning alcohol on commercial quadricycles and exempts quadricycles from alcohol licensing requirements.

There are few, if any, 2012 Grants available for Manitowoc County law enforcement agencies. None is eligible for the Alcohol Enforcement grants because of a lack of funding. Departments may be contacted later should funding become available. It appears that a department that works aggressively and sees success with their grant program is then penalized in following years for being successful. Andrea Loeffelholz said agencies need to be accountable with overtime funds and need to show they are truly dedicated to the problem. She will add Manitowoc County agencies to her list for available grant funding.

Fatalities: Since our last meeting, seven fatalities occurred in Manitowoc County. Manitowoc PD Capt. Rick Habeck reported on the pedestrian fatality that occurred on 8/16/11 at 10th and Dewey—a wide open intersection. A 36-year-old female was crossing when struck by a westbound auto. Estimated speed was 23-32 mph. Driver was unfamiliar with area; weather was clear and sunny. No criminal charges pursued.

On 09/03/11 a single-vehicle accident occurred at West Assman and Princl Road in the town of Gibson. The vehicle travelling westbound on West Assman went through the stop sign, into the woods, and rolled over. No other extenuating circumstances. No seat belt worn. A medical condition contributed to the accident per Coroner Greene. It should be noted that the height of the stop sign on West Assman is low, and the sign attached to the wood post was very loose. The township will be contacted.

A three-vehicle crash (two trucks and a motorcycle) occurred on 9/10/11 on Highway 10 (E. Menasha Ave.) west of Oak St. All vehicles were westbound on Highway 10. The lead vehicle (truck) activated his turn signal for a right turn and began to slow. The following truck also slowed. The motorcycle travelled in the parking lane past the second truck and struck the lead truck. The operator of the motorcycle was not wearing a helmet and was killed.

On 9/10/11 a two-vehicle accident took place at State Highway 42 north of Lierman Rd. Unit 1 was southbound and Unit 2 was northbound, when Unit 1 crossed the centerline and struck Unit 2 head-on. Weather was clear and not a factor. Occupants wore shoulder-lap belts. Alcohol was not a factor. Unknown if cell phone or text messaging were factors.

A triple fatality that occurred on 10/12/11 on Shoto Road in the Town of Kossuth is still under investigation.

Another serious accident occurred on the previous Saturday, 10/15/11 in Reedsville—unsure at this time if it will result in a fatality.

Next meeting: January 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 10:49 a.m. by Joe Collins, second by John Kropp; motion carried.

Kathy Leist
Secretary