

MINUTES OF THE BAYFIELD COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, August 20, 2020

The regular meeting of the Bayfield County Traffic Safety Committee was called to order by Chief Deputy Andy Runice at 9:04 am on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at the Emergency Operations Center in Washburn, WI and remotely with phone and/or video access for members and the public.

Attendees: Andy Runice-Chief Deputy, Ross Baker-WI DOT Representative, Dan Kontos- WI DOT/DSP BOTS, Don Swedberg-Citizen Rep., Jan Victorson-Emergency Management, Bob Anderson- Highway Dept., Sgt. Pat Kraetke-WSP, Deb Milanowski-Bayfield County Sheriff's Office

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Dan Kontos, 2nd by Bob Anderson to approve the minutes from May 21, 2020. *Motion carried.*

Public Input: None

Report from Bayfield County Traffic Safety Coordinator: Brief review of community maps for the county. Fatality in the Town of Tripp. Nothing on community maps. Discussed the continued flooding in the Pigeon Lake area and speed complaints in the Benoit area.

Report from BOTS LE Liaison: Reviewed year to date numbers for Bayfield County and the State. Crashes for Bayfield County are down a little from last year. With 35 injury crashed vs. 34 last year.

Community Maps improvement in searching-can now search by document number. Still working on the DNR ATV/UTV overlay and they are looking at citation and pursuit data on community maps too.

Drive Sober mobilization started yesterday. Bayfield County & Washburn PD received \$4,000 from the drawing from participating in the last mobilization.

Review of upcoming dates of interest include August 19-Sept. 7 Drive Sober, Sept. 20-26 Child passenger seat safety, Sept. 26 child seat check and October will focus on teen drivers. Governor's Conference was cancelled and the Badger Tracs conference will virtual this year. Train the Trainer Traffic Incident Management to be held on Oct. 3 in Stevens Point. They may also offer it online.

Legislative update-not in session right now and no movement on anything . Act 183-ATV/UTV regulations signed into law on March 3, 2020.

511wi.gov has been significantly upgraded

Report from Bayfield County Highway Dept. :

Projects include:

- Hwy 2 between 63 and Ino-culvert drainage structures
- Next year paving will occur from 63 to Iron River
- Continuing to work on the bridge on Hwy 63 and should finish in October

- Bono Creek bridge should start in the next couple of weeks
- Patch paving in Red Cliff & Port Wing
- Pigeon Lake is a problem and has been raised another 6-8" for shoulder
- County Hwy B-prep work being done as it will be paved next months (4 miles)
- Co Hwy M-this will occur next year as there are some issues with the park service and guard rails

Report from WI DOT Traffic Safety Coordinator: Ross provided an update on the construction projects for Bayfield County in 2020: Hwy 13 bridge project-new structure being built and should be done in September. Highway is still open. Diesel spill on Hwy 2 by Iron River cleanup is done. Received a complaint about the passing zone near Klobucher Rd involving speed and passing. New signs have been posted to clarify passing.

Committee Member Report: Nothing to report

Report from State Patrol: Predictive analytics from community maps shows no big spots in Bayfield County. Next month their agency will be providing extra enforcement in Superior. Will need to pull the Bayfield County troopers and assign them to Douglas County.

Next meeting is scheduled for 11/19/20 at 9:00am at the Bayfield County Sheriff's Office in the EOC and remotely.

Meeting ended at 9:33 am

Submitted by: Deb Milanowski

Minutes Approved on: 11/19/20 @ 9:08