

Iowa County Traffic Safety Meeting Minutes February 8, 2011

1. Meeting called to order by Craig Hardy at 9:40 a.m.

Present:

Jeff Berens, WisDOT Traffic
Brett Hubbard, Wisconsin State Patrol
Andrea Loeffelholz, WisDOT/BOTS
Jon Pepper, Iowa County Sheriff's Dept.
Joe Thomas, County Board
June Meudt, Iowa County Health Dept.
Craig Hardy, Iowa County Highway Dept
Jeri Grabbert, Iowa County Highway Dept

Absent:

Dan Meuer, City of Dodgeville
Amy Seeboth, SWWRPC
Craig Lindgren, Wisconsin State Patrol
Bert Parkos, City of Mineral Point
Dave Kieffer, Dodgeville Police Dept
Mark Springer, Drivers Education
Tim Helmberger, Corporate Counsel

Agenda:

2. Craig Hardy indicated that the meeting had been duly noticed.
3. Approval of February 8, 2011 agenda and November 9, 2010 minutes by Loeffelholz/Grabbert.
Carried.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

4. **Duplicate County Road Names in Neighboring Counties – Correspondence from Blanchardville Women's Club, Blanchardville Village Board, Blanchardville Fire Department.** Craig Hardy summarized the concerns raised in the letter. Meetings have also been held with Lafayette County supervisors and the Highway Commissioner. Lafayette County and Traffic Safety Commissions will continue to review the requests and look for the change that would have the least impact on residents. Iowa and Lafayette counties will provide a short term response by installing county name placards over the top of their respective routes of CTH F.
5. **STH 14 Corridor Study.** The DOT is doing a safety enhancement study of STH 14 from Mazomanie to Richland Center. In Richland County intersections would be redesigned to eliminate side roads. In Iowa County at the Hwy. 14 and CTH H intersection driveways would be eliminated and a frontage road would be constructed, which would take land from adjacent property owners. There is no design for this project at this time. It is just in the recommendation stage to enhance safety.
6. **County K Williams Creek Bridge.** Williams Creek Bridge is on CTH K between Barneveld and Hollandale. The preliminary design is done. It will replace 3 s-curves and correct blind driveways. The new bridge will be built without a detour.
7. **County Line Road Accident.** Chief Deputy Jon Pepper described the fatal accident that occurred in the Town of Waldwick at the Lafayette and Iowa County line. Iowa County Highway Department fixed the rail and opened the bridge the next day. Discussion took place regarding the need for

additional training in Drivers Education classes. Andrea Loeffelholz stated that there are grants that focus on teens and safety and they are looking for schools to participate. Pecatonica and Argyle schools will be contacted. June Meudt will contact the Dodgeville School to see who the current Drivers Education instructor is.

8. **Traffic Safety Report and Highway Safety Input – Andrea Loeffelholz, WisDOT BOTS.** Andrea Loeffelholz distributed the Weekly Fatality Report as of Sunday, February 6, 2011. There have been 40 fatalities in Wisconsin, year to date; zero in Iowa County. Andrea reviewed some articles and new legislation.
9. **Review of Accident Spot Report – Jon Pepper, Chief Deputy Sheriff.** Jon Pepper indicated that the computer system for county reports is still down. He provided statistics for 2010 and for year to date 2011.
10. **Reports from other members.** None
11. **Comments from Members or Audience.** State Patrolman Bret Hubbard had two concerns. (1) He noted that he had received a complaint of a dead tree near the driveway of the airport in Mineral Point and concern that it was a safety hazard and could fall across the road. He wondered if this tree was on the right-of-way. Craig Hardy will check into this. (2) He was also concerned about high snow at intersections. Craig Hardy noted that the ICHD is working to get these spots cleaned up.

Jeff Berens also had some items to report. (1) The Village of Hollandale wants the speed limit reduced from 35 MPH to 25 MPH on STH 39 going through town. The DOT will be doing a speed study in the Spring. (2) At the last meeting an issue was raised regarding the intersection of STH 23 and STH 130. Jeff will look at that today, checking on the night arrow, stop ahead signs, age of signs, location of signs, and reflectivity. (3) Jeff looked into the concerns raised at the last meeting regarding the curve at Midway Road and CTH YD in Mineral Point. Based on his review, there is no need for any changes at this location. (4) On Murphy Road, a night arrow or double up on dead end signs would suffice. (5) Jeff looked into the concern for a pedestrian crossing in the Village of Cobb on STH 18 at STH 80. Jeff indicated that this was looked at during the project but there is no permit on file from when the project was done. The Village of Cobb can apply to the DOT for a crosswalk. It will be the Village's responsibility to put it in and maintain it. (6) The 5% list for Safety Funding included Iowa County at the intersection of 18/151 and CTH Y. The DOT will be reviewing the list over the next few months to determine which intersections will be granted funds. This could be affected by the 18/151 update project.

Craig Hardy noted that the Village of Ridgeway has requested "No Jake Brake" signs on STH 151 at both ends of CTH HHH. Jeff Berens will look into this issue.

12. Next meeting scheduled for May 10, 2011 at 9:30 A.M.
13. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. with a motion by Andrea Loeffelholz and seconded by Jon Pepper. Carried unanimously.

Minutes by Jeri Grabbert