



# PORTAGE COUNTY

## MEETING MINUTES

### TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

PORTAGE COUNTY LAW  
ENFORCEMENT CENTER  
LEC TRAINING ROOM  
1500 STRONGS AVENUE  
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

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Tuesday, March 7, 2023

10:00 AM

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#### REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to Order at 10:00 AM (Ostrowski)

Members Present: N Check, J Ostrowski, T Kemnitz, D Kontos, J Gemza, A Haga, J Pavelski, D Jankowski, B Uitenbroek, B Noel, H Schultz, T Reed, B Weinert

Members Excused: B Beaudoin, R Stertz, C Loiselle

Members Absent: D Brugman, C Budzinski

Others Present: S Beduhn, S Bowers, K Snow, B Klatt, J Wills

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of December 6th, 2022 Minutes

Motion by Kontos, seconded by Jankowski, to approve the December 6th, 2022 Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

#### REPORTS

2. Status of Highway Construction and Safety Project/Repair Proposals

- Wisconsin Department of Transportation
- Portage County Highway Department
- Municipal Projects

WISDOT (Kemnitz)

- 2022 Carry Over Projects, mostly clean up work
  - Business 51 in Plover
  - Hwy 10 at I39 in Stevens Point
  - I39 Bridges at Cty B and RR Overpasses in Plover
  - I39 Southbound, Birch Dr to Waushara County line
- 2023 Hwy 66, 10.5 mi resurfacing project from Cty J to Hwy 49. New travel lanes and paved shoulders, new gravel shoulders and improve identified safety deficiencies. June 1st to August 24th.

County Highway Department (Check)

- Cty R Reconstruction from Black Oak Dr to Porter Rd. Design of a 2-lane roadway with a two-way left turn lane, multi-use path on west side of roadway and new bridge over Little Plover River. Roadway will be closed to through traffic. Project will be let in

March. Start June 2023.

- Cty K Reconditioning from Cty D to Cty B. Improve roadway profile, pavement structure and drainage. Upgrade ditch slopes and replace culverts. Roadway closed to through traffic. Start May 2023.
- Cty HH Resurfacing from Wood County line to Kramer Ave. Mill and repaving, culvert replacement. Roadway closed to through traffic. Start September 2023.
- 2023 Crackfilling and Chip Sealing, approximately 45 miles of county highways mostly in the northwest quadrant of the county. Majority of roadways will remain open with reduced speeds. Start July 10th, 2023.

#### Municipal Projects (Beduhn)

- City of Stevens Point has numerous projects, mostly on local roads with minimal impact to public. Second St and Maria Dr closures. Crosswalk installed on Main St at Bridge Rd that will result in Main St closures.

#### 3. County Highway Safety Coordinator Report

Nothing to Report

#### 4. Crash Spot Map

- Portage County Sheriff's Office
  - Stevens Point Police Department
  - Plover Police Department
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- PTSO (Ostrowski) - 216 total crashes, 176 property damage, 35 personal injury, 3 fatal accidents. 7 hit and run, 5 property damage and 2 personal injury. 49 persons injured, 4 fatalities. 25 accidents involving alcohol or drugs.
  - SPPD (Uitenbroek) - 163 total crashes, 128 property damage, 19 personal injury, 0 fatal accidents. 33 hit and run. 23 persons injured, 0 fatalities.
  - PLPD (Noel) - 121 total crashes, 83 property damage, 15 personal injury, 0 fatal accidents. 11 hit and run. 19 injuries, 0 fatalities. 2 accidents involving alcohol or drugs.

#### 5. Wisconsin DOT Traffic Safety Engineer's Report

(Kemnitz)

- Safety Review of the I39 NB off-ramp at Hwy HH - Right turn crash issue that was identified as a top crash spot, drivers attempting to shift all the way over to the left turn lanes to get into the Business Park. Work with County this spring to shift yield line and yield sign forward. Ultimately signalize the intersection.
- Hwy 10 Expressway at County Materials access. 2 fatal and 1 severe personal injury directly related to access. No sight issue for trucks leaving the access but sight issue for eastbound travelers. Install "Truck Entrance" warning signs with metal flags 1000 ft prior to the access to raise driver awareness.
  - Haga raised questions about acceleration lanes or approaching County Materials about cost sharing. Kemnitz stated warning signs are a first, low cost, step and then look at more costly improvements.
  - Reed asked about evaluating ingress/egress during permit application process for new businesses. Check stated there is a process but that this was an existing business when the Hwy 10 expansion occurred.

#### 6. Bureau of Transportation Safety Report

(Kontos)

- 2022 State and County review and trends with 5-Year percentage of change. Total crashes and fatal crashes are up over previous years.
- Review of crash type, causation, crash flags, environmental factors, lane departure first harmful event, age demographics, impaired driving, unique crashes.
- Study of statewide Horse and Buggy crashes.
- St Patrick's Day - Impaired Driving Campaign
- April 3-10 - Distracted Driving Campaign
- April 20 - Impaired Driving Campaign around substance impairment
- July 26 - Speed Awareness Day
- August 29-31 - Governor's Conference on Highway Safety

- TSC Guidelines Updated in February 2023

## DISCUSSION

### 7. Traffic Safety Legislation

Nothing additional to report.

### 8. Emergency Medical Services Operations

(Gemza)

- TIMES Class this week
- Policy change - when ambulance is called to interstate, fire will go as a blocker to protect crew.

### 9. Traffic Incident Management Operations

Nothing to report.

### 10. Upcoming Traffic Safety Training Opportunities

(Kontos)

- Drug Recognition Experts - two classes still taking applications. Classes are fully funded including travel, lodging, wages.

### 11. Public Education Programs and Opportunities

Nothing to report.

### 12. Traffic Safety Grant Updates

Nothing to report.

### 13. Locations of Traffic Hazards and Recommended Improvements

Nothing to report.

## DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

### 14. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Regarding Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

- Request for special meeting attendance
- Approval of attendance of special meetings
- Special meeting attendance reports

### 15. Hwy 10 MM 238 Single Vehicle Fatal Crash Presentation

(Deputy Klatt) - Crash Review Presentation of Hwy 10 near Amherst, November 2022. Icy roadway conditions. Witness saw vehicle fishtail prior to entering north ditch and rolling once. One occupant ejected and vehicle rolled on top of victim. Driver was a migrant worker, not licensed in US, driving borrowed vehicle. Victim was not using seatbelt. Review determined that lack of seatbelt, roadway conditions were contributing factors to the crash. Unlicensed driver was also a possible contributing factor.

**NEXT MEETING DATE** June 6th, 2023 at 10 AM, LEC Training Room

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kemnitz, seconded by Gemza, to adjourn meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 11:09 AM.

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