

**LANGLADE COUNTY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD:
Aug 18, 2011**

Members Present: James Kolpack, Antigo Police Dept.; Brian Lenzner, Sheriff's Dept.; Sheila Rine, Health Dept.; Mike Panosh, WSP/BOTS; Brad Henricks, WEM; Lloyd Vollmar, State Patrol; Tim Rusch, Langlade Cty. Highway Dept.; and Norm Cejka, Public Safety Committee

Members Absent: Chris Drews, DOT Traffic; Charlie Brinkmeier, Antigo Public Works Dept.; Jon Petroskey, COA Fire Dept.; Douglas Nonnenmacher, Public Safety Committee; and Jeff Paulson, Antigo High School.

Others Present: Lisa M. Volkman, Police Resource Assistant

This meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission was called to order on the above date at 10:00 a.m. at the Langlade County Highway Department. Jim Kolpack served as Chairperson and Lisa Volkman recorded the minutes.

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Moved by Cejka and seconded by Henricks to approve the minutes from the May 2011 meeting. Carried.

APPROVED

Any Old Business

Kolpack advised that he talked with the post office and was informed that the mail carriers monitor the placement of mailboxes on county/town roads and report any discrepancies. The boxes on flight road were checked and all seem to be within the required specifications. It was noted that vehicles need to watch for large equipment when traveling these roadways.

NO ACTION

Kolpack noted the safety vests were received and are being distributed. If anyone needs vests, contact the police department.

INFORMATION ONLY

Passing Zone Highway 45 through Summit Lake

Lenzner had received a message regarding problems with passing lane through downtown Summit Lake. With the beach, Billy Timbers, and gas station reopening in this area, they would like consideration to remove the passing lane and post No Passing. Because this is a state highway, the DOT would need to make the final decision on this matter. Held in committee for input from the State.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

DOT Updates--Panosh

Panosh noted that as of August 15 there have been 317 fatalities statewide compared to 330 deaths in 2010. Langlade County has 2 fatalities to date, including one occurring this week.

Panosh advised the Governor's conference is scheduled for the end of August in Green Bay.

The grant list is out but does not yet identify amounts. Once additional details are received, communities will be notified.

No new legal updates to discuss at this time.

INFORMATION ONLY

Any Other New Business

Henricks initiated discussion regarding the fatality that occurred on Neva Rd (Highway 45) near Fleet Farm. This is a very troublesome area and possible solutions were considered, including a frontage road, traffic lights, turn lane, etc. Committee believed this should be placed on the next agenda and for a study to be completed by the DOT.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

Rusch advised that he received a couple requests for reduced speed in the vicinity of Kretz Lumber Company on County Rd. G. Upon completion of discussion, it was determined that this area has no obstructions, no crash history, and is not seen as a dangerous roadway.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

Rusch also received a request to review the limits on County Rd. M just off of 64. There is one resident in the area and she believes there are issues with speed as vehicles go over the long hill and come upon a curve. At this point, extra patrol will be utilized.

REFERRED TO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Cejka requested officers look at a trailer with a broken axle parked along North Rollwood Rd. east of Maple Rd. There is a new home going up there and the trailer has been parked there about a week. He believes it is a hazard. State Patrol, Vollmar, agreed to check on the vehicle when he leaves this meeting.

REFERRED TO VOLLMAR

The next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2011.

INFORMATION ONLY

Adjournment

Moved by Rusch and seconded by Henricks to adjourn at 11:00 a.m.

CARRIED

Jim Kolpack, Chairperson

Date