

# MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

HELD ON 05/25/10 AT 12:30 P.M. AT THE RHINELANDER, WI, HIGHWAY SHOP

**MEMBERS PRESENT: KIRBY/CHAIRMAN, SCHOLTES/HWY COMMISSIONER, COOPER/HWY SECRETARY, KNOOP/REGIONAL PROGRAM MGR, KEIFFER/WISDOT, SPARLING/WI STATE PATROL, KOPACZ/O.C. SHERIFF'S DEPT, FREESE/O.C. EMS, WOLK/CO BOARD SUPVR**

## The following matters were taken up to wit:

1. Kirby called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. It was noted the meeting was properly posted and the media notified.
2. **Motion:** Knoop/Wolk to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Wolk/Freese to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All ayes.
4. Highway Safety Concerns
  - Discussed the new sign on 8 West in the East bound passing lane new the National Forest Road. Identical signs will soon be placed in the one-direction passing lanes on USH 51. Law Enforcement expressed their concerns with the dangers of traffic being allowed to pass in these areas and asked Keiffer to go back to his superiors with their concerns.
  - Discussed upcoming road construction in Oneida County
5. Highway Dept working on drainage issue on CTH "L" near Schaefer's Warf. Ditch-line was completely filled in and had to be cleaned out; culvert 80% clogged and being cleaned out; cleaning out plugged curbing also. This should hopefully take care of the water problem in this area.
6. Discussed Safety Budget. Talked about purchasing additional reflective arm bands and vests, but there are still left-over's from last years purchase. Bicycle spoke light discussed also. Freese informed the committee of a bottle kit that he has seen that shows students that you don't have to drink much alcohol before you are an impaired driver. Kits cost around \$400.00 each and can be given to the Driver's Ed teachers in the area. Freese will email Cooper the contact person for the kits. **Motion:** Kopacz/Sparling to purchase the bottle kits, and supplement any left over money with reflective vests, armbands, or bicycle lights. All ayes.
7. Tom Knoop introduced himself as Patti Nelles' replacement. He Reported:
  - "Click It or Ticket" started yesterday
  - Fatality report as of May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 4 down from last year on the same date
  - Final Year-End 2009 Crash
  - Traffic Safety Laws in Legislation
  - 2009-2010 Traffic Law Changes in Wisconsin
  - Auto Insurance Requirements
  - Ignition Interlocks
  - 84 Motorcycle Fatalities in Wisconsin in 2009
8. No Public Comments
9. Future meetings scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>, and November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010. All meetings at 12:30 p.m. at the Rhinelander Highway Shop.
10. **Motion:** Knoop/Kopacz to adjourn at 1:40 p.m. All ayes.

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Committee Chairperson

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Committee Vice-Chairperson