

Price County Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: March 2, 2023 Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by Dennis Wartgow, Commission Chairperson.

Roll Call: Present: Kyle Dudek (Wisconsin State Patrol), Joshua Englund (Marshfield Medical Center), Robert Hawn (Price County Sheriff's Department), Tony Kemnitz (WDOT Engineer), Jason McMillan (Phillips School District), Roger Petrick (Price County Highway Department), Dennis Wartgow (Price County Board Supervisor), Randy Wiessinger (Bureau of Transportation Safety) (remote). Excused: Marvin Nevelier (Park Falls Police Department), Bryce Schoenborn (Attorney/Legal), Gayle Stangle (Citizen Member). Absent: Harold Herbst (Chequamegon School District).

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communication: None.
2. Meeting Minutes – December 1, 2022: Motion Petrick/McMillan to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
3. Accidents Report: Robert Hawn – 24 crashes, 4 injuries, no fatalities.
4. Law Enforcement Reports:
 - a. Price County Sheriff's Department (Robert Hawn): No additional information.
 - b. Park Falls Police Department: None.
 - c. Phillips Police Department: None.
 - d. US Forest Service: None.
 - e. Wisconsin State Patrol (Kyle Dudek): Welcomed new Trooper Matthew Jankowski.
5. Wisconsin Department of Transportation
 - a. Bureau of Transportation Safety – Law Enforcement Liaison (Randy Wiessinger): 2022: Two fatalities. State average is 583. Crash reports are up. Impaired driving is down. Reviewed monthly safety promotions including Speed Awareness Day. Upgrades to reporting system and Community Maps.
 - b. Traffic Safety Engineer (Tony Kemnitz): Upcoming projects: 2022 bridge projects final phases to be completed with warmer weather. 6.5 Miles of State Highway 8 from Lustila Road to County Road YY. County Road D from Park Drive to Mink Drive. State Highway 13 in Phillips project is in the 2025 budget.
6. School Transportation Reports:
 - a. Chequamegon School District: None.
 - b. Phillips School District (Jason McMillan): No report. Dealing with treacherous roads.
 - c. Prentice School District: None.
7. Other Reports:
 - a. Attorney/Legal: None.
 - b. Citizen Member: None.
 - c. Marshfield Clinic (Joshua Englund): May see increase in EMS traffic due to construction project causing closure of the helipad for 12 month, switching to the Park Falls Airport.
 - d. Price County Board of Supervisors (Dennis Wartgow): Nothing additional.
 - e. Price County Highway Department (Roger Petrick): Upcoming projects: County Road E from State Highway 13 to Sawyer County and County Road B north to Ashland County. Will do some rut wedging maintenance on the Phillips Highway 13 project.
8. Date of Next Meeting – June 1, 2023
9. Meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk