

## Price County Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: September 1, 2022

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: Gerry Baier (WDOT Engineer), Joshua Englund (Marshfield Clinic) (remote), Jerry Ernst (Park Falls Police Department), Jason McMillan (Phillips School District), Roger Petrick (Price County Highway Department), Brian Roush (Price County Sheriff's Department), Bryce Schoenborn (Attorney/Legal), Dennis Wartgow (Price County Board Supervisor), Randy Wiessinger (Bureau of Transportation Safety). Excused: Kyle Dudek (Wisconsin State Patrol), Gayle Stangle (Citizen Member). Absent: Harold Herbst (Chequamegon School District)

Also present: Joe Baratka (Price County Highway Department), Nick Trimner.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communication: Gayle Stangle provided written comment regarding concern for the intersection of County Highways B and E.
2. Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2022: Motion Roush/Baier to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Price County Local Road Safety Plan (Joe Baratka, Roger Petrick): Joe gave a plan update. Recommended more review and bring back as a future agenda item.
4. Accidents Report (Brian Roush): Update on reported accidents. Near last year's numbers.
5. Law Enforcement Reports:
  - a. Price County Sheriff's Department (Brian Roush): Patrol is fully staffed. Addition of a Rec Officer. Speed board is back in use.
  - b. Park Falls Police Department (Jerry Ernst): Fully staffed. State Highway 13 bridge work continues. Four ATV/UTV OWIs issued in the city in August.
  - c. Phillips Police Department: None.
  - d. US Forest Service: None.
  - e. Wisconsin State Patrol: No report.
6. Wisconsin Department of Transportation
  - a. Bureau of Transportation Safety – Law Enforcement Liaison (Randy Wiessinger): State ATV/UTV accident rate is higher than prior years. Less in Price County, perhaps due to availability of more trails.
  - b. Traffic Safety Engineer (Gerry Baier): Paving project scheduled to start on State Highway 13 from north County Highway A south to the county line. Four bridge projects are in process or nearing completion.
7. School Transportation Reports:
  - a. Chequamegon School District: None.
  - b. Phillips School District (Jason McMillan): First day of school.
  - c. Prentice School District: None.
8. Other Reports:
  - a. Attorney/Legal (Bryce Schoenborn): No report.
  - b. Citizen Member: None.
  - c. Marshfield Clinic (Joshua England): No report.
  - d. Price County Board of Supervisors (Dennis Wartgow): No report.
  - e. Price County Highway Department (Roger Petrick): Paving projects to begin on County Highways I, O and M.
9. Date of Next Meeting – December 1, 2022
10. Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk