

MINUTES

PRICE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, September 6, 2018 1:00 p.m.
Price County Courthouse, 126 Cherry St, Jury Room; Phillips, WI 54555

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Bryan Vergin at 1:00 p.m.
2. Members Present: Bryan Vergin, Don Grande, Brian Roush, Gayle Stangle, Tony Kemnitz, Randy Wiessinger, Dennis Wartgow, Joshua Englund, Bryan Wrycha and Rick Morgan. Excused: Bruce Marshall. Absent: Harold Herbst, Scott Straetz. Also present: Secretary Leslie Hauschild and Trooper Neil Kent.
3. Approve Minutes of the June 7, 2018 Quarterly meeting: Motion Kemnitz/Wartgow to approve minutes of the June 7, 2018 quarterly meeting as printed. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment/Correspondence: Don Grande reported a speed reduction petition was being completed for State Highway 13 south of Phillips. The State has not received a petition as of yet. Tony Kemnitz will look into this.
5. Snow Plowing on Shared Roads: Bryan Vergin stated the Traffic Safety Commission does not have authority for this complaint. Short discussion.
6. Crash Spot Report: Brian Roush showed recent crash sites on Community Maps. Short discussion.
7. Law Enforcement Reports:
 - a. Price County Sheriff's Department: Brian Roush stated the Safety Building open house will be on September 10, 2018. There was a recent rear end accident at Short Cut Road and State Highway 13. This is an area of a recent citizen complaint brought to the Traffic Safety Commission. Tony Kemnitz stated he would look into this matter again.
 - b. Phillips Police Department: No one present.
 - c. Park Falls Police Department: No one present.
 - d. Wisconsin State Patrol: Bryan Wrycha introduced Neil Kent as the new State Patrol Trooper in the Price County area. Wrycha stated the State Patrol recently participated in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign.
 - e. US Forest Service: No one present.
8. School Transportation Reports:
 - a. Phillips School District: Rick Morgan stated the school district added another propane bus. They are considering a change in the parking area at the high school/middle school. The Phillips School District reduced their bus routes to eight and added a van for transportation.
 - b. Prentice School District: No one present.
 - c. Chequamegon School District: No one present.
9. BOTS LE Liaison Report: Randy Wiessinger gave information on the statewide fatality report. 378 fatalities in Wisconsin to date in 2018, compared to 405 for the same period in 2017.
10. Tony Kemnitz: Tony Kemnitz stated he is working with Chief Straetz of the Park Falls Police Department and the railroad regarding the railroad gates issue in Park Falls. A study showed the highway was not the cause of the November 21, 2017 crash on State Highway 13 south of Fifield.
11. Joshua Englund: Joshua Englund stated there is construction on Case Avenue and it will be completed around November 1, 2018. Ambulances may be delayed a little due to the construction.
12. Bruce Marshall Report: Not present.

13. Don Grande Report: Don Grande stated the County Road H bridge has been opened. Grande stated there is construction on State Highway 86 and it will be closed to one lane. The Town of Fifield has a temporary bridge with a limit of 25 tons.
14. Dennis Wartgow Report: Dennis Wartgow provided speed information from First Avenue North in Park Falls. Wartgow stated the average northbound speed was 25.8 mph and the average southbound speed was 26.56.
15. Gayle Stangle Report: Nothing to report.
16. Old Business: None.
17. New Business: Tony Kemnitz will not be at the Next meeting. He may be contacted by email with any questions.
18. Set Next Meeting Date: Thursday, December 6, 2018; 1:00 p.m.; Price County Courthouse, 126 Cherry St, Rm 101; Phillips, WI 54555
19. Adjourn: Motion Grande/Roush to adjourn at 1:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Hauschild, Secretary