

## Price County Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: December 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), Kyle Dudek (Wisconsin State Patrol), Joshua Englund (Marshfield Clinic), Jerry Ernst (Park Falls Police Department), Robert Hawn (Price County Sheriff's Office), Jason McMillan (Phillips School District), Roger Petrick (Price County Highway Department), Dennis Wartgow (Price County Board Supervisor), Randy Wiessinger (Bureau of Transportation Safety). Excused: 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 – September 1, 2022: Motion Petrick/Wiessinger to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Price County Local Road Safety Plan (Roger Petrick): Final plan presented.
4. Accidents Report (Robert Hawn): Year to date 177 crashes with two fatalities.
5. Law Enforcement Reports:
  - a. Price County Sheriff's Department (Robert Hawn): Nothing more.
  - b. Park Falls Police Department (Jerry Ernst): Going to no overnight winter parking on city streets to assist with road cleanup. Marvin Nevelier was introduced as the new Chief of Police as of January 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - c. Phillips Police Department: None.
  - d. US Forest Service: None.
  - e. Wisconsin State Patrol (Kyle Dudek): New Trooper Jankowski is getting acclimated.
6. Wisconsin Department of Transportation:
  - a. Bureau of Transportation Safety – Law Enforcement Liaison (Randy Wiessinger): Two county fatalities, 546 state fatalities. Down 34% on motorcycle fatalities. Flashing green lights are being installed on state highway maintenance trucks. Available teen driving resources. Drug Recognition Expert training costs available. Encouraging social media promotions.
  - b. Traffic Safety Engineer (Gerry Baier): Projects started in 2022 have been completed. State Highway 13 and 8 bridges. Epoxy overlays will be done in 2023. Planning for State Highway 8 east project. Tony Kemnitz will switch to the area representative on this committee.
7. School Transportation Reports:
  - a. Chequamegon School District (Harold Herbst): None.
  - b. Phillips School District (Jason McMillan): Nothing to report.
  - c. Prentice School District: None.
8. Other Reports:
  - a. Attorney/Legal: None
  - b. Citizen Member (Gayle Stangle): None.
  - c. Marshfield Clinic (Joshua Englund): Marshfield Clinic has new ground transport to/from Marshfield. New building project scheduled, not anticipated to disrupt any traffic flow.
  - d. Price County Board of Supervisors (Dennis Wartgow): Nothing to report.
  - e. Price County Highway Department (Roger Petrick): Nothing more to report.
9. Date of Next Meeting – March 2, 2023
10. Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk