

**JEFFERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

The Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission met on Wednesday, July 20, 2016, at 1:00 P.M. for a meeting at the Jefferson County Highway Office.

ROLL OF THE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

Members present: Delzer, Wiessinger, Milbrath, Jenswold, Cooper, Hinzmann, Kutz

Members absent: Kern, Neidner, Mayer

Also Present: Brian Udovich, Highway Department
Ann Jenswold, Highway Department
Ken Pileggi, City of Jefferson Police Department
Dale Lutz, City of Jefferson Police Department
Dale McGowan, ATV Club
Bob Rolland, ATV Club

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES: The minutes from the April 20, 2016, Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission meeting, having been distributed in advance, it was moved by Mr. Kutz and seconded by Mr. Jenswold to approve the minutes as printed. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- NONE

OLD BUSINESS

8a. Review and possible action on the issue of highway safety and potential use of UTV/ATV on county highways

Sheriff Milbrath shared and discussed information regarding meeting with the Clubs. He would like to talk with the Highway Department regarding widening the area by the bridge on CTH "D". He had a map showing the current trails and proposed trails for the future. The Clubs are looking for more private property owners to connect the trails. The Clubs are looking to work with the County and Municipalities to make the trails as safe as can be. They are looking to post rules at business supporters. The Committee reviewed the map of the proposed areas. The City of Jefferson is looking at pursuing the area by Junction Road to connect routes; there is a question regarding bridge crossing. Sheriff Milbrath stated that he was providing an update, not looking for a motion. Members from each Club should attend the next meeting to represent and discuss the next process. No Motion

NEW BUSINESS

- NONE

10. Traffic Accident Spot Map – Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department

Sheriff Milbrath gave an update on recent County accidents. He discussed concerns regarding joggers along the roadway, and their lack of visibility. He would like to get more information out to the public on this

11. WisDOT Southwest Region, Madison - Traffic Section (Ryan Mayer)

No Report

12. WisDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety – Transportation Safety Report & Highway Safety Input

Randy Weissinger will be filling in until there is a replacement for Corey Foster. He had a comment regarding ATV/UTV trails, stating that the trails are contagious, and there currently is no standard for signage. He urged the Committee to be cautious. He reported that fatalities are up 15% from last year; motorcycle fatalities are down; and pedestrian fatalities are up 10% from last year.

13. Wisconsin State Patrol (Greg Jenswold)

Sgt. Jenswold updated the Committee on the recent I-94 accident in the construction zone, stating that the accident was due to driver error. He reported that OWI BOTS grants are on-going, and they provide an opportunity for a large presence of enforcement.

14. Jefferson County Highway Department - Report

Russ Cooper stated that CTH “Y” is now open to all traffic. CTH “J” is closed from Collins Road to CTH “G”. He stated that curbing went in this week on CTH “J”, and paving will be done on a portion of the roadway the first week in August. Tentative time for opening CTH “J” is October.

The City of Jefferson Police Department reported on the CTH “N” pedestrian accident, stating that a failure to yield citation was issued. The Department is working on speed grants through September; OWI with the task force and Sheriff Department. There were 3600 traffic contacts in 2014 and 4900 in 2015, reporting that accident reduction rates by more contacts.

The next Traffic Safety Commission meeting is set for Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at the Jefferson County Highway Department, at 1:00 P.M.

Motion by Mr. Jenswold and seconded by Mr. Milbrath to adjourn at 1:50 p.m. Carried unanimously.