

LINCOLN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes of February 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Lincoln County Safety Building

Lower Level Conference Room,

Merrill, WI 54452

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chief Deputy Nate Walrath, Dave Jackson, Kristin Kempen (WI State Patrol representative), John Keiffer (DOT), Michael Panosh (WI DOT), Bill Jelinek and Corey Bennett (Merrill Police Department representative).

MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Bob Lee, Bryan Plautz, Doug Duchac, Ken Neff, Sgt. Bryan Wrycha and Nancy Bergstrom.

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
 - A. **Roll call of members present:** Chief Deputy Nathan Walrath, Dave Jackson, Kristin Kempen, John Keiffer, Michael Panosh, Bill Jelinek and Corey Bennett.
 - B. **Visitors welcomed:** Diane Hanson
2. **Approval of previous meeting minutes:** Motion by Jackson, Second by Keiffer to approve minutes of the previous meeting and place on file. Unanimous. Carried.
3. **Review Crash Data – Merrill Police Department:** No significant changes, statistics consistent with previous years and reports from November, December and January were placed on file.
4. **Review Crash Data – Lincoln County Sheriff's Office:** Crash Statistics from September through December were reviewed. No significant changes in statistics. Crashes for 2013 were down from previous years and reports were placed on file.
5. **Update on Parking at Rock Island:** Jack Keiffer said he obtained a professional opinion from the Office of General Counsel who works strictly for the DOT. Sheriff Jaeger was correct that temporary "no parking" can be enforced at the location on STH 107 near Rock Island Resort. DOT will work with the Sheriff on this issue and should have more information by the next meeting.
6. **State Report:** Jack Keiffer said that there were only 3 projects in Lincoln County within the next 6 year period, resurfacing on Hwy. 64 between CTH W and Langlade County and on STH 17 at CTH CCC to Dump Road for a resurface job and a bridge replacement on STH 64 at the Pine River.

Mr. Panosh introduced himself, and said he would be replacing Bob Bott who is in a different district now. He said that in this past year, Wisconsin has had the lowest traffic fatalities since World War II and cited the usage of seat belts. He did say that 40% of all traffic fatalities are alcohol related.

7. Schedule next regular meeting: The next regular meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lincoln County Safety Building, Lower Level Conference Room.

8. Adjournment: Motion by Jackson, Second by Jelinek to adjourn. Unanimous. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 0925.