

**MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

January 17, 2023

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

**Present:** Jason Freiboth, Greg Grotegut, James Falkowski, Jason Orth, Justin Hansen, Barb Herrmann, Rick Olig, Joseph Jeanty, Curt Green, Ben Meinnert, Dave Murack, and Holly Herzog.

Also Present: Eric Sikorski, WI DOT

Excused: Mike Polich and Todd Blaser

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Jason Orth.

**Minutes:** No changes noted. Minutes will stand as written.

**Public Comment:** None

**Appointments:** Motion to appoint Two Rivers Police Chief Benjamin Meinnert to replace Brian Kohlmeier, and Kiel Police Chief Joseph Jeanty to replace Dave Funkhouser by James Falkowski, second by Greg Grotegut; motion carried.

**Requests for Site Evaluations:**

**Assessment of intersection at CORD XX and North Ave/Dairyland Dr., Cleveland.** Greg Grotegut presented a letter from the Village of Cleveland requesting evaluation of this intersection for a 4-way stop and also safety/visibility improvements.

This section of highway is scheduled to be milled and paved in 2023. Two accidents occurred in the last 5 years at this location, and the possible addition of a Dollar General was noted. Pictures of the intersection were reviewed and the curvature of the road does affect visibility to the south. It was also noted that semis have difficulty turning east bound. Greg Grotegut stated the markers will be updated when road work is completed, and it might be possible to change or manipulate the triangle median.

Motion by Greg Grotegut to deny the request for a 4-way stop due to crash data, second by Joseph Jeanty; motion carried.

Request by Greg Grotegut to table further review of the intersection until follow up and review can be completed with DOT engineers regarding triangle median and visibility. Matter tabled by Chairman Jason Orth.

**Site Evaluation Follow Up:** None

**DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:** Rick Olig reported 4 fatal accidents in 2023 as compared to 15 last year at this time. Overall in 2022 there were 596 fatalities as compared to 593 in 2021. Community Map improvements and analysis tools were discussed. See attached copy of PowerPoint.

**Recent Fatalities:**

10/31/22: 22<sup>nd</sup> St near Pierce St., Two Rivers. Operator found on roadway ejected from motorcycle. Operator was not wearing a helmet and was impaired by alcohol.

11/04/22: N 10<sup>th</sup> St. at Manitowoc River bridge/pier, Manitowoc. Vehicle left the roadway and drove into the river. Windows were open and subject was wearing a seatbelt. Cause is unknown as no drugs, alcohol, or previous medical conditions were known. A wasp was located on the victim's body.

11/08/22: CORD W at Milwaukee St., Rockland. North bound truck initiated a passing maneuver hitting south bound car causing fatality and vehicle fire. Roadway was flat, level, free of debris and dark. North bound operator cited for passing into on-coming traffic causing death.

Next Meeting: April 18, 2023 at 10:00 am.

Motion to adjourn at 10:42 am by Barb Herrmann, second by Rick Olig; motion carried.

Submitted by: Holly Herzog, Secretary