



*The Kewaunee County Highway Safety Commission, in partnership with public and private organizations, is committed to developing and implementing a comprehensive strategy aimed at saving lives and preventing injuries by reducing crashes on our roads and highways.*

**Kewaunee County Highway Department  
E4280 CTH F  
Kewaunee, WI 54216**

**July 27, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.**

PRESENT:	Jason Veese	Chief Deputy – Kewaunee Co. Sheriff's Dept
	Eric Zellner	Lt. – Kewaunee County Sheriff's Dept.
	Randy Wiessinger	WI DOT – WSP – BOTS
	Eric Sikorski	WIDOT – Engineering
	Todd Every	Kewaunee County Highway Department
	Robin Mueller	Chief – Kewaunee Police Department
	Tracy Nollenberg	Kewaunee Co Emergency Management
	Gary Paape	County Board Representative
	Joe Mastalir	Citizen Representative

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chief Deputy Jason Veese.

All members had received a copy of the April 17, 2023 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Gary Paape and seconded by Todd Every to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

Jane Seidl was present at today's meeting to see what changes may have been made since the last meeting, with regard to the intersection of CTH B and CTH F. She also advised that she had spoken with one of the neighboring farms about the issue, and that the volume of the trucks traveling through the area seems to have decreased.

## REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

### WISCONSIN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION – ENGINEERING

Eric Sikorski was present at today's meeting. Eric wanted remind members that in the case of road closures, the Traffic Management Center (TMC) should be receiving the initial notifications. A hand-out was provided that provided more information on the TMC, including circumstances under which the TMC should be contacted.

Eric advised that beginning in the next couple of weeks, STH 54 from Luxemburg to Algoma will be under construction. There will be short-term detours for culvert replacement, but most of the work will be done under traffic. He advised that it is a 50-working-day project and Todd Every shared that the pre-planning meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2023. Chief Deputy Veaser advised he would set extra patrols for the areas affected by the detours.

### WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – BOTS

Randy Wiessinger was present for today's meeting and shared the most recent county-wide crash statistics from Community Maps. He advised that as of the second quarter, there are 299 fatal accidents statewide, which is down from 2022. There was one fatality in Kewaunee County during the second quarter, which he advised may ultimately be considered a "non-reportable" accident due to the circumstances and will no longer count toward the county's reportable accident totals.

Randy shared more information on the push to improve the data quality with regard to accident reports. Randy advised that currently, 43% of Kewaunee County's crash reports have no driver factors reported as contributing to crashes. He went on to emphasize that the data collected from these reports helps to secure funding for a variety of things (grants for speed and seat belts, highway improvements, etc.). He also pointed out that the officers do not need to be able to prove that the factors contributed to the accident; they may express their opinion as to what contributed to the accident. Chief Deputy Veaser and Lt. Zellner advised they would be getting information out to the Sergeants and to the patrol deputies to ensure these changes are being made.

Randy advised that one additional area of concern on the crash reports was in reporting work zone crashes, with particular emphasis on "before the work zone". Reporting work zone crashes accurately is important as this data is used to improve work zone safety.

Randy also advised that the Governor's Conference on Highway Safety is scheduled for August 28-31 and will again be held in Wisconsin Dells.

### KEWAUNEE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Todd Every was present for today's meeting. He reported that CTH AB from CTH J to CTH KB is currently closed except to local traffic for milling and resurfacing. That project is expected to be completed sometime in August.

He also advised that pavement marking is currently under way.

### KEWAUNEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Chief Deputy Veaser began by talking a little about the manure managements system currently being used at Kinnard Farms. He advised that it would basically eliminate about 98% of the manure haulers used by that farm for disposing of the waste.

He also went on to advise that he requested Inspectors from Wisconsin State Patrol to patrol Kewaunee County. He advised that two trooper inspectors came for one day and in that time, issued 100 warnings and citations. He plans to have trooper inspectors back in the county several times throughout the year.

Chief Deputy Veaser also provided a brief update on the CTH F/CTH B intersection He advised that after speaking at the last meeting, and researching previous traffic patterns, he advised that switching where the stop signs are would not be a good idea, and would likely cause additional accidents. Also, a four-way stop sign would likely create more noise rather than eliminating noise.

State Patrol advised him that from a law enforcement perspective, the county could issue a citation for trucks that are running straight pipes, however State Patrol would not pursue it. The District Attorney would have to be willing to prosecute, which is unlikely.

Lt. Zellner shared that he received some examples of brochures in use by other agencies which had been translated into Spanish. He shared samples of those with the members. He advised that he would be providing these to Cindy Kinnard at Public Health, who had received grant money to develop these types of materials for citizens in our county.

### ALGOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Allen was not present for today's meeting.

### KEWAUNEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Mueller was present for today's meeting but had nothing new to share.

LUXEMBURG VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Gulbrand was not present for today's meeting.

COUNTY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Gary Paape was present for today's meeting and shared that he has seen a significant increase in ATV/UTV usage around the county. He has seen some speeding on town roads, but for the most part, people seem to be obeying the ordinances.

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Tracy Nollenberg was present at the meeting but had nothing new to share.

WISCONSIN STATE PATROL

Sgt. Jenny Austin not present at today's meeting.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Cindy Kinnard was not present for today's meeting.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

Attorney David Depeau was not present at today's meeting.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

Jeff Kassner was not present at today's meeting.

CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE

Joe Mastalir was present for today's meeting and shared some of the traffic complaints he has heard – law enforcement officers “don't do anything”; tires that stick out past the fenders; individuals operating without licenses, etc.

Joe also brought up legislation that was recently passed where vehicles can be impounded for reckless driving. Randy W. cautioned however, that the way the law is written makes it very difficult for this to actually happen, essentially making this a “feel good” law only. Another piece of legislation that is currently in progress is the use of automated camera enforcement for Class 1 cities (Milwaukee).

**CRASH SPOT MAPS/ACCIDENT STATISTICS:** The Sheriff's Department shared the 2nd Quarter Crash Data and Spot Maps.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business was discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **October 26, 2023**, and will be held at the **Kewaunee County Highway Department, Large Meeting Room**, at **10:00 AM**.

Motion to adjourn was made by Todd Every and seconded by Gary Paape. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:56 A.M.

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