

RACINE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Summary Minutes – May 12, 2022

Public Works & Development Services Conference Room
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Avenue,
Sturtevant, WI 53177

Members Present:

Julie Anderson – Racine County Public Works and Development Services Director
Roley Behm – Racine County Public Works Superintendent
Michael Payne – Racine County Medical Examiner
Jay Kerner – Racine County Emergency Management Coordinator
John Strack – Racine Unified School District
Tom Knitter – TRIAD (arrived later)
Mike Borck - WisDOT
Matt Johnson – Waterford Police Department
David Stroupe – Mount Pleasant Police Department
Alex Valley – Racine County Engineering Rep.
Jackie Bratz – Racine County Director of Communications
Andrew Goetz – Racine County Communications Director

1. Call to Order

Julie Anderson called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. Minutes of the February 10, 2022, meeting.

Jay Kerner moved, seconded by John Strack, to approve the February 10, 2022, minutes. **Motion carried unanimously: VOTE: 11/0**

3. Fatalities since the last meeting

Michael Payne provided updates on fatalities initially discussed at the February meeting:

12/3/21 – STH 20 and Britton Rd, failure to yield, car vs truck. Fatality the result of multiple blunt force injuries, had a negative toxicology screening for volatiles and ethanol (EtOH).

1/26/22 - in Caledonia on the Frontage Road 1000 feet east of i94 and CTH G, one vehicle crossed the center line and struck another at approximately 4:49 am involving stolen vehicle from Gurnee IL. 21-year-old male's autopsy came back with multiple blunt force injuries with a blood ethanol of .074 and with blood methamphetamine and blood methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDA).

2/26/22 – at the 2740 block of Plank Road and CTH A, a rollover. Autopsy revealed blunt force injuries and a blood alcohol of .259.

There have been no fatalities from February to present.

4. Upcoming construction projects

Alex Valley:

- CTH P: Burlington, currently closed, WE Energies is working in the area. County project to start after the 4th of July until late September or early October of this year.
- CTH K: from STH 36 to CTH S going north to start in June and end in early August.
- CTH U: from CTH G to the Racine/Milwaukee County Line to start in July and ending in mid-October.
- CTH D: in the Village of Rochester from West County line to STH 20.

Mike Borck:

- STH 11 from Kearney to East of Memorial Dr., scheduled to end on September 2nd.
- Carryover project - STH 20 from Roosevelt to West Ave, to be completed mid to late June.
- STH 36 from STH 83 to STH 20, resurfacing project start mid to late June.

Julie Anderson:

Racine County will be closing the Eagle Lake boat launch in late July until late October of 2022. The entire boat launch and sea wall will be torn out and rebuilt. Access to the lake will be difficult as the other boat launch not in good condition either.

5. Around-the-table

Jay Kerner discussed the monthly safety topics. Amanda from the Journal Times is willing to continue to partner with the commission and she has received a list of the monthly topics. April was water and boating safety, and May is motorcycle safety month.

Julie Anderson shared a County initiative for the North Beach breakwater. Signage and lighting regarding rip currents should be installed before Memorial Day. The Sheriff's office is leading this project and will have more details. Andrew Goetz added that he will be meeting with the Sheriff's office tomorrow, 5/13 regarding this project and will share more information afterward.

6. Other Business

Election of officers for 2023 will take place at the next meeting, which is scheduled for September 8, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, **Michael Payne moved**, seconded by Jay Kerner, to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously: VOTE: 12/0**