

**WOOD COUNTY  
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** 10:30 AM

**Place:** Conference Room  
Wood County Highway Dept  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

**WebEx Info:**

<https://woodcountywi.webex.com/woodcountywi/j.php?MTID=mfc4d8b09b573ff832543898e530adb19>

**Agenda**

Present – Roland Hawk – Wood Co Highway, Emily Covarrubias - Wood Co Emergency Management, William Clendenning and Dennis Polach – Wood County Board, Joe Zurfluh– Grand Rapids Police Dept, Charles Hoogesteger – Wood Co Sheriff Dept, Todd Horn – Wis DOT BOTS, Cara Abts – WisDOT, Mike Kretschmer – WisDOT, Brandon Whipple – Wood Co Highway, Rhae Stertz – State Patrol, Matt Cornette (Virtual) – WR Police Department

1. Meeting called to order by Roland Hawk at 10:30AM.
2. Minutes of the December 2024 Traffic Safety Commission Meeting.

**Motion by Roland Hawk to amend minutes. Motion by Roland Hawk to accept the amended minutes, second by Charles Hoogesteger. Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Reports on several area traffic fatalities in Wood County presented by Todd Horn, Law Enforcement Liaison, reporting from the DOT. Todd also included a slideshow with Wood County crash statistics, upcoming traffic safety engagement and outreach opportunities. Announcement of the Governor’s Conference on Traffic Safety with dates being August 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
4. Updates on Wood County Highway Projects delivered by Brandon Whipple and Roland Hawk, Wood Co Highway.
  - a. Nasonville Dairy / County Highway B Project
  - b. Village of Milladore, County Highway T Project
  - c. South Biron Drive

5. Cara Abts and Mike Kretschmer are present for WISDOT, reporting for Safety Engineer Tony Kemnitz. Safety concerns regarding US Highway County Corridor 10 were discussed along with Safety and Operational reviews done through WISDOT and the 2025 WisDOT Project Forecast was highlighted.
6. WisDOT Predictive Analytics Project
  - a. Message boards provided through grant for the project will continue to be utilized in the areas of Hwy 10 and 54 to increase safety awareness.
7. Other business brought before the commission.
  - a. Highway W in Grand Rapids – Lights from River Cities High School causing traffic vision issues to the West.
8. Public Comments - No public comments
9. Adjournment – **Motion to adjourn by Roland Hawk, second by Charles Hoogesteger at 11:42 a.m.**

Minutes taken by: Emily Covarrubias – Wood County Emergency Management

*These minutes are preliminary until reviewed and voted on at the next Traffic Safety Meeting*