

**WOOD COUNTY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, September 10th, 2025

Time: 10:30 AM

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

Agenda

Present – Roland Hawk – Wood Co Highway, Emily Arendt Covarrubias - Wood Co Emergency Management, William Clendenning – Wood County Board, Dennis Polach – Wood County Board, Joseph H. Zurfluh– Wood County Board, Charles Hoogesteger – Wood Co Sheriff Dept, Todd Horn – Wis DOT BOTS, Cara Abts – WisDOT, Joe Zurfluh – Grand Rapids Police Dept, Lance Pliml - Wood County Board President

1. Meeting called to order by Roland Hawk at 10:32 AM.
2. Minutes of the June 2025 Traffic Safety Commission Meeting.

Motion by Roland Hawk to accept the minutes, second by Joseph Zurfluh. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Charles Hoogesteger reports no traffic fatalities for this quarter.
4. Todd Horn, Law Enforcement Liaison, reporting from WIS DOT. The quarterly slideshow was presented. Information such as Wood County crash statistics, new trainings available through Community Maps, TSC resources and toolkits, information on the Law Enforcement phlebotomy program and improvements pertaining to the Wrong Way Driving Task Force were shared.
5. Updates on Wood County Highway Projects delivered by Roland Hawk. Multiple projects were reviewed including safety improvements of area highways that should be expected to be completed soon.
6. Cara Abts present for WIS DOT. Current construction projects have been completed or will be finishing by the end of the year. The Safety Engineer's report was presented, funding requests for development of projects to improve safety on Highway 10 due to ongoing crash history. The project forecast for 2026 was shared.

7. WisDOT Predictive Analytics Project updates delivered by Roland Hawk.
 - a. The project continues to use message boards to increase safety awareness in target areas around the county including Highway 10.
8. Other business brought before the commission.
 - a. Reminder of date/time for next meeting – December 10th, 2025 at 10:30 AM.
9. Public Comments - No public comments
10. Adjournment – **Motion to adjourn by Roland Hawk, second by Joseph Zurfluh at 11:08 a.m.**

Minutes taken by: Emily Arendt – Wood County Emergency Management

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