

LINCOLN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 - 9:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Members Present: Sheriff Ken Schneider, Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson, Todd Rasmussen, Tyler VerHasselt, Jason Lemmer, Chief Corey Bennett, Captain Don Suebert, Trooper Tim Westphal, Gerry Baier

Members Excused: Dale Bergman

Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Roll call of members present.

2. Election of Officers

A. Chair – Nomination of Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson by Sheriff Ken Schneider, second by Chief Corey Bennett. No other nominations. All ayes.

B. Vice Chair – Nomination of Sheriff Ken Schneider by Jason Lemmer. Second by Chief Corey Bennett. No other nominations. All ayes.

C. Secretary – Nomination of Captain Don Suebert by Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson, second by Jason Lemmer. No other nominations. All ayes.

3. Approval of the Minutes

a. February 18, 2025

4. Review Crash Data

a. Merrill Police Department

Police Chief Corey Bennett noted seat belt compliance is a continued trend. Motion by Todd Rasmussen, second by Jason Lemmer.

b. Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson mentioned the fatal pedestrian vs. vehicle on WI 107. Noted crashes are up from 2024 for this quarter. Motion by Chief Corey Bennet, second by Jason Lemmer. All ayes.

5. Lincoln County Highway Department Report

Jason Lemmer mentioned the various upcoming highway paving projects.

a. Discussion and possible action regarding intersection of Hwy. JJ and Hillside Drive (Mike Fick Parking Lot/ Pedestrian Crossing)

Noted the proposed parking lot project on County Rd JJ and Hillside Drive is not moving forward.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding allowing ATV's to stay on Hwy. L and go underneath the R/R overhead just north of Hwy. N.

Discussed allowing ATV use of County Hwy L heading north under the railroad bridge. No issues seen. Recommend sending it back to the Highway Committee for a vote. Motion by Sheriff Ken Schneider, second by Todd Rasmussen. All ayes.

6. State Report

Todd Rasmussen noted crashes are lower statewide than last year. However, motorcycle fatalities are up.

Discussed county crash data for last quarter. Discussed reporting work zone crashes. Mentioned Community Maps virtual office hours and training/help options. Mentioned the Emergency Contact Law. Noted the Childrens Wisconsin Teen Driving Program and 100 Safest Days. Mentioned the 2025 DRE training dates. Noted new proposed legislation. Mentioned the 2025 Governors Conference will be August 19th - 20th. State Trooper Tim Westphal mentioned there will be two new Lincoln County Troopers starting soon. Gerry Baier mentioned the road resurface project on WI 8 north of Tomahawk and the sidewalk improvement on Kings Road in Tomahawk. Discussed WI 17 at County Rd G intersection improvements. Motion by Captain Don Suebert, second by Jason Lemmer. All ayes.

7. Schedule Next Regular Meeting (August 21, 2025 9:00am, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Lower Conference Room)

8. Adjourn

Motion by Sheriff Ken Schneider, second by Jason Lemmer to adjourn. ll ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 am.