

HIGHWAY SAFETY

May 5, 2026

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Brad Steiner, Committee Chairman. In attendance were Trace Frost, WI DOT-BOTS LEL; Dave Gress, WI-Regional Prog. Mgr.; Kyle Kozelka, Highway Commissioner; Dale McCullick, Sheriff; Marc Myhre, Interim EM Director; Tad Beutin, Prairie du Chien Fire Chief; Nick Gilberts, City of PdC Street Dept Superintendent; Sgt. Ryan Smith, WI State Patrol and Rose Dull, Chief Deputy County Clerk. Via Zoom: Brad Byom, WI DOT and Chad Abram, City of PDC Administrator
Verify Posting	Steiner verified that the meeting notice was properly posted.
Approval of Minutes	Motion by Kozelka; second by Beutin to approve the minutes of the February 3rd 2026 meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.
Road Hazards	Kyle Kozelka provided an update to the committee on two major state highway improvement projects along Highway 171. Additional details regarding the roundabout projects in the city of Prairie du Chien are expected at next Thursday's pre-construction meeting.
WI DOT-BOTS	Trace Frost updated the committee with a power point presentation regarding the current 2026 traffic accidents and fatalities in Crawford County and Statewide. The Daily Fatal Report, released on Monday, May 4th, shows a current statewide total of 111 fatalities, compared to 151 fatalities at this time last year. Trace shared the PowerPoint presentation to everyone via email following the meeting. Trace shared the following information; ▪ Community Maps Virtual Office Hours – held each second Monday of each month via Zoom from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Anyone is welcome to attend. ▪ Governor's Conference coming up August 24-25, 2026 same location as previous years which is at the Kalahari Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells. ▪ <u>M</u>others <u>A</u>gainst <u>D</u>runk <u>D</u>riving (MADD) ○ Anyone can nominate someone who fits in the award categories listed as MADD Hero Award. ▪ Children's Wisconsin Teen Driving Program ○ Promote distraction-free driving ▪ Wisconsin Child Passenger Safety Program ○ Resources on child passenger safety for parents and caregivers

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- Q2 Quarterly Topic – Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
 - Projects that reduce the number & severity of crashes on all public roads
 - 90% Federal HSIP funds
 - 10% State/Local match required

WI DOT-State

Brad Byom joined via Teams and presented a potential HSIP project that WisDOT is likely to submit this fall. The project will need to proceed through the SW Region coordination process.

ATV/UTV Connecting Routes On State Highway

Kyle Kozelka introduced three representatives from the ATV/UTV club, Crawford County Road Runners; John & Fern Udelhoven, and Pat Murphy. In collaboration with Sheriff Dale McCullick and Kyle Kozelka, a list of connecting routes on State Highways was compiled for consideration. Only one municipality, the Town of Haney, expressed opposition. Brad Byom suggested getting a recommendation or approval from the Highway Safety Committee and said he would provide the State's contact information for permit requests. Following discussion, the group reached consensus in favor of the proposed routes and connectivity locations on state highways.

Beutin approved; second by Myhre to proceed to the next step of seeking state approval for the proposed routes and connectivity locations on State Highways. A complete list of routes and connectivity locations will be finalized. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

August 4th, 2026, at 10:00 am in the Crawford County Administration Building.

Adjournment

Beutin moved; Myhre second to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

**Rosarie Dull
Chief Deputy County Clerk**