

May 20, 2026
Traffic Safety Committee Minutes

Attendees: Sawyer County Administrator - Michael Markgren, Sawyer County Chief Deputy – Bryan Deyo, Sawyer County Highway Commissioner - John Pinnow, WI DOT/BOTS - Daniel Kontos, WI DOT - Aaron Christ, WI State Patrol Trooper – Sgt. Brock Rizzo, LCO Police Chief Susie Taylor, LCO Assistant Police Chief - Sean Anderson, Darin White – Namekagon Transit, City of Hayward Public Works - John McCue, City of Hayward Police Chief- Marshal Savitski, County Board member Jeff Hoehne.

1. Meeting called order: 9:00AM
2. Pledge of Allegiance:
3. Introductions and Public Comment: Darin White- Namwkogon Transit Manager. Loise Ladenthin spoke of safety concerns of a new driveway near her residence located at 7442W STH 70.
4. Approval of Minutes: Review and approval of the February 18, 2026 minutes. Motion by Savitski to approve, second by Hoehne - motion carried.
5. Old Business: None
6. New Business: Pinnow spoke about speed reduction at Musky Tail Rd. and CTH S. Pinnow placed a speed study camera in the area collecting all the data. It was determined that the town of Hunter is requesting a 45-mph speed reduction from 55 mph. The speed reduction study found the average speed of 42 mph, Pinnow recommended lowering speed from 55 mph to 45 mph. Savitski made motion to approve which was second by Hoehne. Signs will be replaced after Public Works approval.
7. WI DOT/BOTS: Kontos presented traffic crash statistics and data mapping for Sawyer County and the State for the first quarter of 2026. Update on Legislative Acts. Arron Christ spoke about crash report and grant funding. Christ spoke of STH 77 Teal River bridge with temporary signals, STH 77 Smith Creek culvert repair and speed enforcement on STH 27/70 to CTH E. John McCue gave an update on construction projects within the City. Pinnow spoke about upcoming construction projects.
8. Round Table/Report Outs:

Markgren: Nothing to report.

Savitski: Nothing to report.

Christ: Nothing to report.

Sgt. Rizzo: Talked about positions being filled.

Kontos: Nothing to report.

McCue: Spoke about Hwy 63 and Main St. inquired about grants.

Chief Taylor: Applying for grants and spoke about rumble strips at CTH CC which was turned down by the Tribal Council.

Ast. Chief Anderson: Spoke about speed enforcement in New Post and speed signs.

Darin White: Spoke about a conversation with Jason Weaver for grants for six new bus stops in 2026-2027

Hoehne: Asked about signage in Signor for speed reduction.

Chief Deputy Deyo: Spoke about Traffic Grants and relayed topics for Chief Johnson about speed reduction from the hospital on STH 27/77 to be reduced farther out to CTH T.

Pinow: Spoke about the traffic light at USH 63 and STH 27 lights not working properly and should be fixed now. Construction starting in July for the STH 70 project, STH 27 project and Little Sisabagama Rd. At the Public Works meeting new roads were opened to UTV traffic.

9. **Next Meeting Date:** August 19, 2026 @ 9:00am

10. **Meeting Adjourned:** Motioned by Savitski second by Hoehne at 10:01AM