

Agenda Item # 22 d
Date 7/14/21

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OF

DODGE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
SAFETY COMMITTEE

June 29, 2021 @ 7:00 A.M. – Fremont Maintenance Facility

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The meeting of the Dodge County Safety Committee was called to order by Chief Safety Officer, Scott Huppert at 6:55 A.M. the following employees present: Matt Adams, Tim Adams, Larry Brune, Charles Bunn, Justin Burt, Brandon Ellinghausen, Scott Huppert, Larry Klahn, Leon Nelson, Justin Robart, Keith Sanborn, Ernie Stockamp, Gary Tienken, Lynn Wooldrik and John VonSeggern. Absent: Eugene Uher. Also present was: Jean Andrews, NIRMA Contact Person.

Motion was made by Tim Adams and seconded by Larry Brune to approve the Minutes of March 23, 2021. Motion carried.

ITEM #3. OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Vehicle & Equipment Inspection Committee Report:** Justin Burt & Matt Adams

Report was made by Matt Adams that several of the vehicles' windshields need to be repaired or replaced. Loader #64 needs a slow moving vehicle sign and 2 vehicles need new license plates.

2. **Shop Inspection Committee Report:** Larry Brune & Lynn Wooldrik

Lynn Wooldrik reported that items needed to be replaced at the sheds and that all items have been completed.

REMINDER: CHECK your receipts for sales tax! Need signature and truck equipment number on receipt. Also, **reminder to wear seat belts, gloves and eye protection.**

Reminder to put up the warning signs and to remove them upon completion of work

Reminder to use strobe lights and to wear vests when on roadway.

Reminder to do a walk-around on equipment parked on or off county shed property.

CLEAN UP YOUR MESSSES! Restrooms, gravel, grease and oil in and around the wash bay!

ITEM #4. NEW BUSINESS:

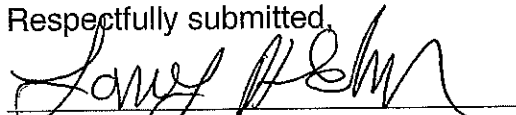
1. **Matt Adams Accident** occurred on County Road 26 between County Road S & T on April 16, 2021 where he was driving truck #11 on County Road 26 hauling dirt. Matt met a black Chevrolet pickup who was driving down the center of County

Road 26. Matt moved closer to the west shoulder to obtain safe passage and the soft should gave way causing the truck to enter the west ditch. It was considered to be preventable and the safety committee recommends that when county employees are driving and/or operating vehicles or equipment on gravel roads after a period of wet weather to come to a complete stop when meeting other vehicles and equipment until it is safe to drive on.

2. **Scott Huppert Incident:** This incident occurred on April 16, 2021 near the Ridge Road Flood site. Scott was inspecting a culvert that was plugged with sand along with an employee from the City of Fremont's Department of Utilities. The Dept. of Utility was attempting to wash the sand from the inside the culvert. Scott instructed a veteran Dodge County employee, Tim Meyer, to use the Cat Excavator to scoop up a bucket of slop from said culvert and "fling" it into the trees. The bucket of the excavator broke off a tree limb which became air-born and hit Scott in the head which resulted in 2 scratches. No medical attention was given. The Safety Committee recommends that people who are inspecting or not directly involved in the installation, removal or repair on a project be completely out of the work zone before equipment resumes operation and deemed that this incident was preventable.
3. **Gene Uher Accident:** This accident occurred on April 27, 2021 at the Dodge, Nebraska maintenance shed. It involved a vehicle owned by another employee where both front and rear doors on the passenger side of a 2020 Dodge Ram pickup. Gene Uher was backing the county pickup #8 out of the county shed and as he started to turn the pickup to the left, his county cell phone rang and he answered the phone while still backing up. The county pickup collided with the 2020 Dodge Ram pickup resulting in considerable amount of damage. No damage occurred to the county vehicle #8. Safety Committee found the accident to be preventable and recommended that drivers need to be aware of their surroundings when backing up. They are to use their mirrors and back-up cameras (when equipped) when operating a vehicle while backing up and park the vehicle when answering a phone call.
4. **An Important Reminder: DO NOT USE COUNTY CELL PHONES FOR PERSONAL USE!**

With no further business, motion was made by Tim Adams and seconded by John VonSeggern @ 7:15 A.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Klann,
Secretary