



Executive Committee     District Leadership Council     Annual Meeting

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
 Meeting Minutes**

<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	02/08/2022	6:30 PM	Zoom meeting
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**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

<b>Meeting called to order by</b>	Tony Blattler at 6:31 PM
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**B. ROLL CALL**

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Tony Blattler, Rick Olson, Joel Taylor, Dave Larson, Lori Groskopf, Dale Ebert, Ronald Krueger, Kevin Smaby, Terri Roehrig, Mike Nelson, Dale Maas, Brett Weir, Tashina Peplinski, Dave Breunig, Mike Rogers, Kenneth Risley, Paul Reith, Eugene Altwies and Scott Gunderson. Staff: Kari Lee Zimmermann, Scott Loomans and Scott Karel.
<b>EXCUSED</b>	Mike Riggle, Al Lobner and Justin Loerke.
<b>UNEXCUSED</b>	
<b>GUESTS</b>	Ed Harvey, Corky Meyer, Diane Cain, Melanie Weberg, Dave Kerr and Lois Lehmann.

**C. Agenda approval or repair**

**Tony Blattler**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Tony stated he had no changes to the published agenda.
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Roehrig 2nd by Larson to approve as published. Motion carried.

**D. Public Comments**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Tony stated there were no individuals that identified wanting to speak.
<b>ACTION</b>	No action taken.

**II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

**A. WCC participation in Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame**

**Ed Harvey**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ed gave us a historical background on the Hall of Fame. The current location has become too small to continue on and they are leaving that location. It used to cost the Congress \$50 a year which was increased to \$100 a year and now cost \$150. They have been told that there will be another increase bringing the total to \$200 a year. There was discussion on whether we should continue to be a part of the organization as the annual price for the ad did state that the increase was to cover a part-time secretary for the organization reminding everyone that the money came out of the Friends of the Congress treasury.
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Reith 2nd by Smaby to continue participating and to ask the Friends to increase the donation to \$200. Motion carried.
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

**B. Report from Resolution Process Review Ad Hoc Committee**

**Roehrig**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Terri stated that the committee had met via zoom meeting and reported on some of the discussion. The committee was looking for volunteers (20-25) that would review the resolutions as they came in. Currently they have 12 to 15 volunteers so they will be asking again for the additional help. All shotgun resolutions will go to one reviewer so that there is some consistency in processing. There will be some future training session for reviewers so everybody here has the same message at the same time. They will continue to work on options for online voting for delegates. Hopes are to get workable issues brought forward at the next DLC meeting. They did ask that the DLC request from the Friends of the Conservation Congress for an additional \$250 for Facebook advertising.
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Weir 2nd by Larson approve the request. Motion carried.
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

**C. Report from Wolf Committee**

**Ed Harvey**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ed has attended the 4 proposed committee meetings as of now they haven't agreed on a new Wolf Management Plan. They were as a committee working on a new Wolf rule package (the rule package would not be permanent) but considered a temporary/emergency rule that should allow for a season next November. Brett Weir asked where the DNR is on the revamp? Ed responded that the new management plan is key, the department is working forward with the emergency rule package even though the management plan is not complete. When we're working with
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	a new statewide management plan and the emergency rule/permanent rule process it becomes very confusing. Mike Rogers said he thought the emergency rule didn't work, we need a permanent rule. Scott Karel stated the need for the new/emergency rule with an end date was appropriate. After the management plan is completed then they would get a chance to put a new permanent rule in place.	
ACTION	Motion by Weir 2nd by Peplinski to support the Wolf committee emergency rule with sunset and to continue work on plan. After much discussion there was a call for the vote by Gunderson. Motion carried.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**D. March District Meetings** Blattler

DISCUSSION	Tony asked Kari where we were on getting the District Meetings scheduled. He stated that as of this meeting all districts had set a date and time for their district. Tony stated that all the chairs need to contact the county chairman in their district to work on the memorial resolution for 2019 and beyond. Tentatively the state convention would be in Wisconsin Dells May 12, 13 and 14 the district chairs are asked to contact County chairs in their district to see how many would be willing to attend an in person meeting.	
ACTION	Information only.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**E. CDAC meetings** Blattler

DISCUSSION	District leadership should make sure that the individual counties have set up their primary CDAC as the deadline is getting closer.	
ACTION	Information only.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**F. Proposed Code of Procedure Changes** Blattler

DISCUSSION	Paul Reith requested that we not make the suggested code of procedure changes as of yet he will wait until the next DLC meeting to see what the ad hoc committee may bring forward as changes. He also noted that on the issue of 2 delegates to the DLC from one county was refused action last year.	
ACTION	No action taken at this time.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**G. Review language of previously approved spring hearing questions** Blattler

DISCUSSION	<p>After much discussion there was a motion by Paul Reith 2nd by Lori Groskopf to pass all the previous discussed resolutions with the exception of number 1, 24, 26, 36, 42, 44 and 45. Motion carried. (These resolutions were reviewed at an earlier meeting identifying minor word-smithing.)</p> <p>Further discussion on resolution number 1 antler point trial in Florence County (190121)                      Question would you support the creation of a 3-year antler point restriction trial for box with 3 points or greater on one side (excluding brow tines) in Florence County? This restriction would not apply to youth 17 and under, disabled, and military service hunters. Ron Krueger questioned whether this would be moving hunters around needlessly, Tony replied we are doing it in 1 out of 72 counties.                      Tony stated he's not sure if this is why to go anywhere is only an advisory question?                      Motion by Taylor 2nd by Smaby to advance as written. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 24. Allow multiple riders on ATVs for outdoor recreation (550221) (requires legislation)                      Question you support the Conservation Congress working with the DNR, Legislature, and the NRB to allow passengers on ATVs not designed to transport passengers, or recreational activities?                      Joel Taylor stated this was a resolution that he offered and wanted to be specific to the activities of hunting fishing and trapping. He asked that it be included not only identified the question but in the preliminary prior to that. Motion by Taylor 2nd by Smaby to add hunting fishing and trapping in both the background information and the question. Dale Maas motioned for a friendly amendment to include agriculture as this is a primary tool in the agricultural areas of the state for the community to get field work done. Motion by Maas 2nd by Groskopf to add a friendly amendment to the original motion to include agriculture. Motion carried. Joel agreed to the friendly amendment, the question was called motion carried with the addition of agriculture. The resolution will combine the question of hunting fishing trapping and agriculture to the questionnaire.</p> <p>Question 42 Modify Wisconsin Constitution to increase the use of boating registration fees (540121) (requires a constitutional amendment)                      42. Should the Conservation Congress work with the department and the Legislature to adopt a Wisconsin constitutional amendment to allow boating registration fees to be used for boating access and invasive species control in addition to boating</p>	
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	<p>safety? The question was reviewed and after discussion there was a motion by Taylor 2nd by Altwies to advance as written. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 44 there was much discussion on wording and rewording whether we had the right to do anything to the resolution based on code of procedure, this has past the committee based on the twice past the same counties so it will be identified as that. Tony stated that those that wanted something changed needed to put it in writing to Kari by email as to what their suggested changes might be. Paul stated that he was still unclear on what the authority might be for us to alter these at all but since they were previously tabled and we can't seem to come to a consensus on this, he felt we should move on with the meeting and look at those 2 questions at our next DLC meeting.</p> <p>Question 45. End all killing contests. The question 45. Do you support the Conservation Congress working with the DNR to develop and support a ban on all wildlife killing contests? Once again after much discussion it was determined to leave question 45 until the next DLC meeting. Tony reminded everybody that wanted to see some changes in the question to get with Kari ahead of time.</p>
ACTION	As stated above.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	
DEADLINE	

**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

DISCUSSION	<p>Laurie Groskopf: Laurie said that getting minutes in a timely manner is still a problem. She questioned why the Strategic Planning Committee has not met. And reminded the DLC that will need to get a meeting together to review the Wolf Management Plan which is supposed to be published in late February. Tony commented that the plan is over 200 pages in length.</p> <p>Dale Maas: asked if the Hunting with Dogs Committee should be reestablished. He also asked if the Rules and Resolutions Committee could take a look at the requirement of the code of procedure that if a resolution passes multiple times that it automatically goes to the questionnaire. He feels that in some cases there's abuse taking place and would like it reviewed. He also aired concerns about having enough verification to have online voting for congress delegates and that we are running short on the time frame to do any kind of testing on it. While we need to address the issue we are definitely running out of time for this year. He also stated that we need to encourage people to get more people to attend whether it's in person or through the spring hearing online process. In many counties there are under 25 to 30 people attending online. That's not to pick on those people, but we are kind of our own worst enemy when it comes to getting the word out. People get lax in defending the things that they figure are being handled and taken care of by the Congress and we're losing communication and support. Anything we can do to reactivate those people and get them back involved is definitely important.</p> <p>Paul Reith: feels we need to do more work on resolutions as we screen them especially environmental concerns. It's not the only category but we need to have actionable items that we have impact on. Also, some delegates and Natural Resources Board members feel that we should be dealing with resolutions that only deals with hunting fishing and trapping items. We all know that our charter is much broader than that and we need to be sure that resolutions that we are having an impact on the things that we can make changes to. It is not just a general concept issue that it will not impact the Natural Resources of we protect.</p> <p>Dave Larson: has concerns on whether now is the time to be working on advisory committees, when we still don't know what's going to be impacted by any future elections we may have.</p>
ACTION	Motion by Larson 2nd by Roehrig to adjourn motion carried at 9:43 PM

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

MEETING ADJOURNED	<b>9:43 PM</b>
SUBMITTED BY	<b>Dale C Maas</b>
DATE	<b>02/22/2022</b>