



Executive Committee District Leadership Council Annual Meeting

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Meeting Minutes**

ORDER OF BUSINESS	02/15/2022	2-15-2022	Zoom
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Tony Blattler at 6:30 PM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Tony Blattler, Rick Olson, Dave Larson, Mike Riggle (late) Lori Groskopf, Dale Ebert, Ronald Krueger, Kevin Smaby, Terri Roehrig, Mike Nelson, Dale Maas, Brett Weir, Tashina Peplinski, (late) Dave Breunig, Mike Rogers, Kenneth Risley, Paul Reith, Eugene Altwies and Scott Gunderson. Staff: Kari Lee Zimmermann, Scott Loomans and Jerome Donahoe.
EXCUSED	Joel Taylor,
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Joe Weiss, Rob Bohmann, Paul Smith, Amy Mulder, Barb Eisenberg, Symthia Samels, Sue Reske, G. Klien, Gene Voss and Lois Lehmann.

C. Agenda Approval and Repair

Blattler

DISCUSSION	Tony said he had no changes.
ACTION	Motion by Altwies second by Roehrig to approve as published, Motion carried.

D. Public Comments

DISCUSSION	<p>Amy Mueller from Waukesha County stated that she had ethical issues on the rewriting of the resolutions that were passed forward based on the code of procedure. At the committee level it was noted that this fell under the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Code of Procedure XI (D) (2). "If the resolution has favorable input at the county level, the resolution will be referred to Rules and Resolutions Committee of the Congress. Any same or like resolution that has passed in at least the same 3 counties for 2 consecutive years shall be forwarded, at the request of the author (S), to the statewide ballot." She felt it was inappropriate for the District Leadership Council to suggest any changes to the proposed resolution. She also mentioned that 7 counties had votes totaling approximately 1000 statewide.</p> <p>G. Klein also spoke to changing any of the proposed resolutions wording and question, the accuracy of some of the proposed changes.</p> <p>Corky Meyer recommended that the 2 resolutions move forward as they were originally written.</p> <p>C. Samuels agreed with the previous public speakers.</p> <p>Barb Eisenberg stated the WCC allows the public to weigh in on issues, she feels the question should be as complete as the original statement.</p>
ACTION	Comments only no action taken.

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Report from Wolf Committee

Ed Harvey

DISCUSSION	<p>Ed stated that the DLC had given the committee two tasks, one would be to give a committee position for possible advancement on Wolf rules. The 2nd was to review and take a position as a committee on the Wolf plan document. As you know 2 days after our last meeting the Federal Government put the Wolf back on the endangered list. Tony reported the department has stated that they would like to continue working on the Wolf plan and the rules for controlling the wolf population so that they are ready the next time there is a change in the Wolf status.</p> <p>Scott Loomans reiterated that the department will continue working on the management plan and at the same time will also work on the rules but that they may not do it as rapidly as previously expected.</p> <p>Tony asked what happens to the money for the Wolf pre-tag?</p> <p>Scott stated there has been department discussion about that but there is not been a decision as of yet.</p> <p>Motion by Weir 2nd by Larson to support the department continue on developing the management plan. Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion by Maas 2nd by Weir for the DLC to support the department to complete a permanent rule package. Motion carried.</p>
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	There was discussion of the possibility of the department making a standing Wolf committee. There was a motion by Groskopf 2nd by Loerke that the WCC request the NRB board to establish a standing Wolf advisory committee. Motion carried.	
ACTION	As stated above.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. Report from Spring Hearing Process Review Ad Hoc Committee

Terri Roehrig

DISCUSSION	<p>Terri stated that the committee met last week for online delegate election options. The committee proposed that all delegates currently seated and willing to continue be extended one year.</p> <p>On the following recommendations this is what the committee came up with, the DLC has the option to or reject any or all parts. There is nothing binding until we have made a commitment.</p> <p>Recommendation on delegate elections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Except on-line delegate application across all counties. Intent is to fill open seats if any delegates want to step down, allows them an opportunity to do so. 2. Recommend that county delegates review these applications, validate candidate and select delegates facilitated by the county chair. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Items will be provided by subcommittee to county chairs to teach/guide them as to what is necessary to validate candidates. 3. Online form is created and in process of being tested by members of subcommittee. A. Includes 1st page requirements from COP. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be a Wisconsin resident. 2. Any resident of the county who is 18 years old and able to perform the responsibilities is eligible to run for election that evening. 3 The Conservation Congress encourages equal treatment regardless of race, age, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, arrest, conviction, veteran status or political affiliation. 4. To give the widest geographic representation, it is recommended that not more than 3 delegates be from the same civil county, city or village. 5. To guard against possible conflict of interest or bias, no full or part-time employee of the department or member of the board shall be a county delegate, unless the determination is made by both the executive committee and the department on a case-by-case basis that there is no real or perceived violation of Wisconsin's ethics law. B. Includes commitment to yearly meetings (listing of the meetings). <p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows WCC to keep to similar yearly timeline. Allows WCC to fill vacant seats. Allows newly appointed delegates to attend May Annual Convention with proper advance notice. Allows time for subcommittee to continue to work on online delegate elections to prepare for 2023. <p>DLC to determine timeline:</p> <p>Option # 1: Follow/Align to Resolution Process Timeline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/11/22 authors deadline to submit resolutions. 3/18/22 reviewer deadline to review and if required, notify author changes are necessary and collaborate with author to make the changes to meet the rating criteria. If the resolution meets the writing criteria, move forward and notify Kari. 3/25/22 Reviewer/Author deadline for collaboration to complete required changes ensuring resolution meets rating criteria. Unresolved resolutions are escalated to the spring hearing subcommittee. 3/30/22 Escalation Meeting if needed. All escalated resolutions are finalized (approved or rejected) and collated list is complete. 4/01/22 Final Deadline. 4/12/22 Spring Hearings input process <p>Was much discussion and many questions asked followed by a motion by Gunderson 2nd by Smaby to accept proposal #1 to fill open seats for the 2022 year only. Motion carried.</p> <p>Terri requested \$250 from the Friends Group so that the committee can put the information on Facebook.</p> <p>Motion by Krueger 2nd by Larson to approve the request for \$250. Motion carried.</p> <p>Terri also requested that the DLC allow this Ad Hoc Committee to continue working on a solution to elections going forward.</p>	
ACTION	As stated above.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

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C. NRB February agenda items Tony Blattler

DISCUSSION	After review of the NRB agenda the DLC felt there were no actionable items to weigh in on that we hadn't already announced our position on.	
ACTION	No action taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

D. Final review of language for Spring Hearing questions [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>Question 26. Disabled trapper permit (100120) Do you support a change in the existing trapping regulation which would exempt disabled trappers from trap placement and setting requirements when trapping bobcats, fishers or otters? After checking with for harvest it was determined that the question was okay as written. Motion by Maas 2nd by Rogers to advance as presented. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 36. Knowles-Nelson funding lower Chippewa River parcels (060521). (Secretaries note:It should be noted that this question has been modified since written. Approximately 240 acres have been purchased.) The new question should read: do you support the state of Wisconsin ID funding to purchase the remaining 760 acres of parcels along the lower Chippewa River owned by Excel Energy? With the Addition of the Wording "Used for Hunting, Fishing and Trapping." Motion by Olson 2nd by Reith to Advance. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Question 44. End Wolf hunting with dogs. There are a number of suggested language changes which were lost for lack of 2nd. Motion by Altwies 2nd by Gunderson to use the original language as written. This would be proceeded by the reference of the WCC code of procedure referencing automatic addition to questionnaire. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 45. Stop all killing contests. Motion by Maas 2nd by Olson to remove all edits in advance as written. Motion carried.</p>	
ACTION	As stated above.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Maas: we used to receive any NRB questions for our January DLC meeting, not sure if they have any this year but would've been nice to at least be aware of it.</p> <p>Rogers: not sure why we are in not having face-to-face meetings. This is very unsettling.</p> <p>Smaby: he a did sample in his district for those willing to attend state convention and each of the 7 counties said they would have 2 or more in attendance.</p> <p>Reith: stated that 40 to 50% of his district delegates would attend the state convention were it held. He also stated that the code of procedure on the two-year automatic advance of resolutions needed to be looked at. He also asked about Sturgeon Spears being able to spear carp and was told that that would be available for 2023.</p> <p>Gunderson: agrees with Rogers we need to get back to face-to-face meetings. we are a large body and need a convention.</p> <p>Olson: will have further discussion at district meeting discussing resolutions and delegates responses.</p> <p>Krueger: but we had a very efficient meeting.</p> <p>Blattler: reminded everyone to reserve May 12th 13th and 14th for the state conservation Congress convention at Chula Vista Hotel in Wisconsin Dells.</p>	
ACTION	Motion by Roehrig 2nd by Rogers to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	8:51 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Dale C. Maas
DATE	03/02/2022