



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Land Use Committee
 Meeting Minutes

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ORDER OF BUSINESS	12/07/2022	7:00 pm	Via Zoom
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Doug Seidl at 7PM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Hamm, Schmidt, Stahl, Ford, Magnine, Crawford, Johnston, Briggs, Luchterhand, Johnson, Ninneman, Seidl, Propson, Klock
EXCUSED	Raschein
UNEXCUSED	Verdegan, Boren, Ruff, Zimmerman
GUESTS	Sachs, Meyer, Lewandoski, Donohue, Bergeson (DNR), Gropp (DNR) Hankee (DNR) Lemke (DNR)

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	Motion to accept- Luchterhand, 2nd -Johnson motion carried

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Mission Statement read by Chair Seidl
ACTION	

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A.

1.	#050222 Allowing Maple Sap collection from state lands	Richard Sachs
DISCUSSION	Sachs-hobbyist collector, friend was cited by DNR for timber theft (damage or defacing trees)for collecting on state land previously, submitted resolution to start process of a permitting system to allow. Bergeson-tapping is also not allowed on SNA land. Gropp-Forestry division has denied requests in past exceptions may include schools etc., their concerns include: disease, safety, needs more consideration. Hankee-very difficult to meet the various users needs, if approved a very specific permit would be needed possibly use customer ID#, Klock-motion to advance, 2nd-Crawford, no vote more discussion. Gropp-could resolution be rephrased to be specific, Sachs- okay with rephrase, Klock-well written permit would be sufficient to help with potential problems, Hamm-opposed, can't screw in steps for hunting, alot of ?'s with parameters, Luchterhand-questions with usage practices, grandson taps private trees in city of Minneapolis, could find plenty of trees on private land, Schmidt-opposed also because of potential tree damage, no further discussion	
ACTION	Motion to advance-Klock, 2nd Crawford 9-oppose, 3-support, 1-abstain Motion rejected	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

2.	#220422 Preserve Mississippi morel growth and harvest availability	not zoomed in
DISCUSSION	Klock-contacted author and heard his comments and concerns but the resolution addresses no problems or specific needed changes	
ACTION	Motion to reject- Klock, 2nd-Luchterhand motion carried unanimous voice vote	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

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3.	#110522 & #682122 Simplify permits for dog training events	Andy Lewandoski
DISCUSSION	Meyer- asking for support to address issues stated in resolutions, DNR staff has been working on issue, currently a double permit is needed, quoted NR 1.11 (12). Hanke-not familiar with this situation but agrees the DNR needs to continue effort, Lewandoski-Chair Dog Federation- extra time & money to complete all necessary permits, Bridgett Brown (DNR) has been very helpful but still a long slow process, Stahl- what are the costs?, Lewandoski-dog trial \$25, special use \$50, camping fees \$40, building rental-\$46/day, DNR has upgraded facility and the trals group has maintained a good relationship w/DNR, Meyer-extra costs for trials vs training, Hanke-all info should be identified in permit, possible 2 permits needed because of 2 DNR areas of oversight, Schmidt-believes we need to streamline, seems we are deterring others from getting outdoors and trying other usages, Klock-What are the permits that are needed?	
ACTION	Motion to advance- Hamm, 2nd Briggs 11 support 2 abstain motion to advance carries	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. Forestry Update Gropp (DNR)

DISCUSSION	Key points related, 2023-2027 planning objective- 1)Healthy forests (climate change issues, forest diversity issues), 2)Work with forestry partners, Master Plan available on DNR forestry site, 3)Govenors Council on Forestry (public website for acres planted/acres perserved), 10 foresters and 8 techs hired, still vacancies, can't find candidates. Klock if RAWA passes Wisconsin possibly could get \$18 million, Gropp- would look at avenues to obtain some \$	
ACTION		
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C. Law Enforcement Update Hankee (DNR)

DISCUSSION	Key points related, 9 day gun season over and getting ready to switch to other open seasons, DNR Law Enforcement is in the final stages of hopefully obtaining a record management system which would eliminate duplicate work, body cameras possibly in the future, shared the various responsibilities of a warden, Hamm-encourages continued presence of wardens at safety classes, Hankee-has seen increased time and effort to participate since in person restrictions have been lifted.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

D. Natural Heritage Conservation Update Bergeson (DNR)

DISCUSSION	Key points related, updates underway or planned for 2023, 1)Endangered/Threatened species list, 2)Wildlife Action Plan and Species of greatest Conservation need, 3)Invasive Species Rule (NR 40), 4)SNA long range plan complete for review, 1st update since 1983, 5)NHC annual report available in Dec. Natural Resources Magazine, 6)Hired invasive species person, worked with Bob Stroess on 1st conviction of invasive carp, 7)potentail effects on Wisconsin if RAWA passed	
ACTION		
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E. Real Estate Update Lemke(DNR)

DISCUSSION	Key points related, reduced funding from Knowles/Nelson stewardship funding, 9 million to 6 million, lots of competition for the available funds, largest Forest Legacy easement in negotiations, Klock-What is the issue with JFC	
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	not approving? Lemke-not sure and gave some possible scenarios, Seidl- believes only 1 person on JFC that objects, Seidl- any updates on Ice Age Trail acquisitions ? Lemke-no update, will forward info to chair for distribution, Lemke-Master Plan areas being addressed *Rib Mountain area, *southwest savanna area, website available to get further updates and info.	
ACTION		
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Klock- Any resolution on climate change which committee does it go to? Lee-Zimmerman- depends on the content of the resolution question.
ACTION	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion to adjourn Crawford, 2nd- Klock meeting adjourned at 8:55
SUBMITTED BY	Keith Propson
DATE	[Date]