



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 WCC District 3 fall meeting
 Meeting Minutes

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| ORDER OF BUSINESS | 08/07/2023 | 7 pm | in person Tomahawk, WI |
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS
A. CALL TO ORDER

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| Meeting called to order by | at | 7:00 |
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B. ROLL CALL

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| ATTENDEES | District 3 Lincoln Cty Laurie Groskopf, Mike Ellsworth, William Ruder Nick Schertz Marathon Cty Tom Barth, Jim Servi, Rick Koening Oneida Cty Ed Choinski, Bob Boyd Taylor Cty Steve Suchomel, Mike Riggle and Jeff Thuns Vilas Cty Kurt Justice, Duane Harper, Steve Burr, Tommy Burr (junior delegate) |
| EXCUSED | mike lane and marcella welch marathon cty ..ken anderson |
| UNEXCUSED | Dan Zerk-Lincoln Connie Polzin, Ton Ryden, Courtney ? -Oneida, Tracey Swedlund-Taylor |
| GUESTS | Michele Woodford, DNR Area Wildlife Biologist, Bryan Harrenstein, Area Warden Supervisor, Royce Zehr, Area Fisheries Supervisor, James Yach, Northern Region Director, |

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

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| DISCUSSION | approved |
| ACTION | |

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

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| DISCUSSION | none |
| ACTION | |

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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| DISCUSSION | none |
| ACTION | |

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Presentations by DNR staff

[PRESENTER]

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| DISCUSSION | <p>Bryan Harrenstein gave an overview of staff vacancies and positions filled since our last meeting. The hiring process is ongoing. Feedback from the the use of the recently implemented body cams shows resulting efficiencies have provided a great return on investment. There is a move to provide defibrillators to field personal. also a state shooting range manager will be hired. More new wardens have been hired and are in training. Grant programs are have been a major source of funding for these. It has been reported 470,000 atv/utv's were registered in the state last year and snowmobile snowmobile in Vilas county was highest in the nation. Speeding and intoxication have been huge contributing factors in accidents and fatalities in these activities.</p> <p>James Yach, Northern Region Director, gave a short report. Water level issues are still concerning. PFAS is rearing it's ugly head in what was considered unusual geographic locals. Such as Stella, WI Wolf issues were also addressed.</p> <p>Michelle Woodford, Area wildlife biologist reminded us that surveys for deer count and brood counts for our various upland birds are underway and there are smart phone applications made available for the public to participate in wildlife surveillance programs, such as brood counts on birds and operation deer watch.</p> <p>Prairie Chicken Management Plan and recovery has reach a point where a brief season may be forthcoming</p> <p>Bird banding is undergoing a change that will result in more bird hunting and less band hunting. Studies have found that a large number of birds are identified by and killed for their bands. The bands will be a subdued black to cut down on the practice.</p> <p>The Elk Management plan is in place.</p> <p>The Wolf Plan remains fluid.</p> <p>Royce Zehr Area warm water biologist provided a state of area fishery's</p> <p>Lake Tomahawk is closed to walleye fishing through 2025. Shocking surveys were discussed, and stocking</p> |
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| | information provided. Continued study is ongoing. | |
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| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | | DEADLINE |
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B. Informational Items and Program Updates [PRESENTER]

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| DISCUSSION | Local resolutions were discussed with delegates, and they were encouraged to continue to go on-line and become familiar with their county resolutions from last spring and follow progress of those resolutions through the committee process. Delegates were asked to check the committee list to see if they are listed on the proper committee, and to keep track of the meeting schedule to determine when and where their committee will meet. Also, to let their chair know if they can attend, or if they are requesting an excused absence. The advisory committee evaluation forms were discussed and encouraged their use. | |
| ACTION | none | |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | | DEADLINE |
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C. other issues/member matters [PRESENTER]

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| DISCUSSION | Very briefly the issue of Wake Boarding was tossed around.....will need to be discussed in more detail in the future | |
| ACTION | none | |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | | DEADLINE |
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D. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC] [PRESENTER]

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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

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IV. ADJOURNMENT

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| MEETING ADJOURNED | 9:12 |
| SUBMITTED BY | Mike Ellsworth |
| DATE | 08/14/2023 |