

**WISCONSIN CONSERVATION CONGRESS
ANNUAL MEETING
CHULA VISTA RESORT MAY 9, 2008
WISCONSIN DELLS, WI**

The Annual Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Harvey at 9:00 AM. Secretary John Edelblute took roll call. Seventy Counties were present at the beginning of the meeting. A quorum was present. There were no agenda repair items.

Musician Carol Edelblute led the Congress in singing "America the Beautiful." Congress members later reported that they enjoyed the revival of this Congress tradition.

Chairman Harvey read the rules for the conduct of the Annual meeting. A motion was made by Clark Co., 2nd by Door Co. to accept. Motion carried.

Natural Resources Board Chair Dr. Christine Thomas was introduced. She in turn introduced members of the Natural Resources Board that were present. Dr. Thomas then gave an excellent history of the evolution of the NRB from its earliest beginnings up to the present structure aided by a power point presentation. The current NRB consists of seven un-paid members appointed by the Governor.

Chairman Ed Harvey read his report on Congress activities and direction. A copy of the report is printed in the 2008 Delegate Manual.

At this point a fifteen minute break was taken.

At 10:20 AM Governor Jim Doyle was introduced. Gov. Doyle praised the Congress for its efforts in support of the Stewardship Program. The program was increased from \$60 to \$85 million per year for ten years. This will help insure the public lands program for generations to come. Gov. Doyle also spoke on Great Lakes issues and the Great Lakes Compact, plus the pending mercury rules. He also touched on water quality and diversion, invasive species, and said a wolf management plan is needed. Gov. Doyle ended his speech at 10:44 AM to a standing ovation. The Congress wishes to thank the Governor for his attendance and recognition of the Congress's efforts.

DNR Secretary Matt Frank spoke next. As this was his first time addressing the entire Congress he gave some personal background information. Key points of his presentation were:

1. We need to get youth involved.
2. We need a strong relationship between citizens and the state.
3. He thanked the Congress for its support of the Stewardship Fund.

Challenges:

1. The baiting and feeding issue is very important due to CWD and bovine TB.
2. He would like to see donations of deer to food pantries increased.
3. Wolf delisting.
4. River cleanups and the health of associated fisheries.
5. The impact of climate change.

Congress members questions, comments, and answers from Secretary Frank followed.

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The Congress then broke up into district groups for the Executive Councilor elections.

Results:

District 1.
Joe Weiss
Rick Kirchmeyer

District 2.
Ray Smith
Allan Brown

District 3.
Roger Sabota
Mike Reigle, DVM

District 4.
Wade Jeske
Arold Ninneman

District 5.
Mark Noll
Marc Schultz

District 6.
Dave Puhl
Frank Reith

District 7.
Richard Koerner
Dale Maas

District 8.
Ed Harvey
John Edelblute

District 9.
Larrie Hazen
Mike Rogers

District 10.
Ken Risley
Al Phelan

District 11.
Rob Bohmann
Al Shook

District 12.
Jo Anne Kuharske
James Wrolstad

The Executive Committee election followed. Results are:
Chairman Ed Harvey, Vice Chair Rob Bohmann, Secretary Richard Kirchmeyer

Migratory Chairman Richard Koerner presented the Waterfowl Officer of the Year Award to Warden Jennifer Niemeyer.

Fisheries Bureau Chief Mike Staggs presented the DNR fisheries questions.
Question 12. DNR Position was to not advance. A motion to support the DNR's position to not advance was made by Sawyer Co. 2nd by Oneida. Motion Carried.
Question 13. A motion was made to reject by Vilas Co. 2nd by Columbia Co. Motion carried.

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Question 14. DNR Position was to not advance. A motion to support the DNR's position to not advance was made by Oneida, 2nd by Clark. Motion carried.

Question 15. DNR Position was to not advance. A motion to support the DNR's position to not advance was made by Forest, 2nd Outagamie. Motion carried.

Question 16. Motion to support by Green Lake, 2nd LaCrosse. Motion failed.

Motion made by Sawyer, 2nd by Columbia to reject. Motion carried.

Question 17. Motion made by Winnebago, 2nd by Outagamie to support. Motion carried.

Question 18. Motion made by Winnebago, 2nd Dodge to support. Motion carried.

Question 19. Motion made by Waukesha, 2nd Dodge to support. Motion carried.

Question 20. Motion made by Calumet, 2nd Kenosha to support. Motion carried.

Question 21. Motion made by Lincoln, 2nd Marquette to support. Motion carried.

Question 22. Motion made by Monroe, 2nd Kenosha to support. Motion carried.

Question 23. Motion made by Oconto, 2nd Marquette to support. Motion carried.

Question 24. Motion made by Sawyer, 2nd Outagamie to support. Motion failed.

Motion made by Columbia, 2nd Marquette to reject. Motion carried.

Question 25. Motion made by Douglas, 2nd Polk to support. Motion carried.

Question 26. Motion made by Clark, 2nd Chippewa to support. Motion carried.

Question 27. Motion made by Chippewa, 2nd Bayfield to support. Motion carried.

Question 28. Motion made by Barron, 2nd Polk to support. Motion carried.

Question 29. Motion made by Barron, 2nd Milwaukee to support. Motion carried.

Question 30. Motion made by Outagamie, 2nd Brown to support. Motion carried.

Question 31. Motion made by Lafayette, 2nd Iowa to support. Motion carried.

Question 32. Motion made by Lincoln, 2nd Iowa to reject. Motion carried.

Question 33. Motion made by Lincoln, 2nd Langlade to support. Motion carried.

Question 34. Motion made by Langlade, 2nd Waukesha to support. Motion carried.

Question 35. Motion made by Lincoln, 2nd Milwaukee to support. Motion carried.

Question 36. Motion made by Lincoln, 2nd Marathon to support. Motion carried.

Question 37. Motion made by Polk, 2nd Clark to support. A paddle vote was taken,

39 Yes, 24 No. Motion carried.

Question 38. Motion made by Sawyer, 2nd Sauk to support. Motion carried.

Question 39. Motion made by Kenosha, 2nd Vilas to support. Motion carried.

Question 40. Motion made by Vilas, 2nd LaCrosse to support. Motion carried.

Question 41. Motion made by Clark, 2nd Vilas to support. Motion carried.

Question 42. Motion made by Waukesha, 2nd Clark to support. Motion carried.

Question 43. Motion made by Sauk, 2nd Waushara to support. Motion carried.

Scott Loomans presented the DNR Wildlife questions.

Question 1. Motion made by Waukesha, 2nd Marquette to advance. Motion carried.

Question 2. Motion made by Monroe, 2nd Racine to advance. Motion carried.

Question 3. Motion made by Racine, 2nd Waukesha to advance. Motion carried.

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- Question 4. Motion made by Wood, 2nd Douglas to advance. Motion carried.
Question 5. Motion made by Clark, 2nd Jefferson to advance. Motion carried.
Question 6. Motion made by Forest, 2nd Dodge to advance. Motion carried.
Question 7. Motion made by Juneau, 2nd Clark to advance. A paddle vote was taken which resulted in 52 Yes, and 14 No votes.
Question 8. Motion made by Bayfield, 2nd Racine to advance. Motion carried.
Question 9. Motion made by Vilas, 2nd Waukesha to advance. Motion carried.
Question 10. Motion made by Door, 2nd Monroe to advance. Motion carried.
Question 11. A NRB question. Motion made by Sawyer, 2nd Monroe to advance. Motion carried.

Chairman Ed Harvey read the Memorial Resolutions. He also recorded the names of those that had not been previously reported. County Chairs are encouraged to report the passing of any current and retired Congress Member. Please do not assume someone else will do this. It is your responsibility as County Chair.

At 2:53 PM a fifteen minute break was taken.

Vice Chair Rob Bohmann presented the Congress Questions for action:

- Question 44. Motion to advance by Kenosha, 2nd Polk Motion carried.
Question 45. Motion to advance by Dunn, 2nd Polk. Motion carried.
Question 46. Motion to advance by Sauk, 2nd Trempealeau. Motion carried.
Question 47. Motion to advance Kenosha, 2nd Jefferson. Motion carried.
Question 48. Motion to advance Taylor, 2nd Outagamie. Motion carried.
Question 49. Motion to advance Menomonee, 2nd Polk. Motion carried.
Question 50. Motion to advance Milwaukee, 2nd Oneida. Motion carried.
Question 51. Motion to reject Vilas, 2nd Clark. Motion to reject carried.
Question 52. Motion to advance Jefferson, 2nd Sauk. Motion carried.
Question 53. Motion to advance Waukesha, 2nd Clark. Motion carried.
Question 54. Motion to reject by Dodge. Following discussion motion failed.
Motion to advance by Clark, 2nd Green Lake. Motion carried.
Question 55. Motion to advance by Walworth, 2nd Kenosha. Motion failed.
Question 56. Motion to advance by Lafayette, 2nd Dodge. Motion carried after discussion.
Question 57. Motion to advance by Douglas, 2nd Dodge. Motion carried.
Question 58. Motion to advance Outagamie, 2nd Dodge. Motion carried.
Question 59. Motion to advance by Waukesha, 2nd Jefferson. Motion carried.

- Question 60. Motion to advance Buffalo, 2nd LaCrosse. Motion carried.
Question 61. Motion to reject Door, 2nd Vilas. Motion to reject carried.
Question 62. Motion to advance Kenosha, 2nd Waukesha. Motion carried.
Question 63. Motion to advance Milwaukee, 2nd Monroe. Motion carried.
Question 64. Motion to advance by Polk, 2nd Outagamie. Motion carried by paddle vote 39 yes, 24 no.
Question 65. Motion to advance Sauk, 2nd Monroe. Motion carried.
Question 66. Motion to advance Kenosha, 2nd Washburn. Motion carried.
Question 67. Motion to advance Sawyer, 2nd Langlade. Motion carried.
Question 68. Motion to advance Lincoln, 2nd Waukesha. Motion carried.
Question 69. Motion to advance Bayfield, 2nd Sawyer. Motion carried.
Question 70. Motion to advance Dane, 2nd Douglas. Motion carried.
Question 71. Motion to advance Dane, 2nd Douglas. Motion carried with a resounding affirmation.

Larry Bonde reported on the disposition of this year's resolutions. Motions were made to advance a number of resolutions to multiple committees. All of these motions failed. A motion was made by Juneau, 2nd by Marquette to accept the Rules and resolutions Committee's recommendations. Motion carried.

Additional resolutions were submitted from the floor of the Convention as follows:

- #100108 Motion made by Clark, 2nd Milwaukee to adopt. Motion carried.
#580608 Motion made by Sawyer, 2nd Monroe to adopt. Motion carried.
#600108 Motion made by Marathon, 2nd Milwaukee to adopt. Motion carried.

A motion was made at 4:25 PM by Sawyer Co., 2nd by Clark Co. to adjourn for the day. Motion carried. Members adjourned to either the Trap Shooting event, or other personal preferences.

Following the adjournment, Chairman Harvey held a brief meeting regarding the May 27, 2008, NRB Meeting in Milwaukee.

Conservation Congress annual Meeting, Saturday May 10, 2008

Chairman Ed Harvey called the Saturday, May 10, 2008, session to order at 8:33 AM. Secretary John Edelblute called the role. Sixty-six Counties reported present. There was a quorum.

Congress members present opened the session with "The Pledge of Allegiance."

Chairman Harvey spoke of the positive role of many Congress members, and the good that they do for society as a whole.

A motion was than made from the floor by Oneida, 2nd by Vilas, that the NRB reinstate appendix "J" back into the Wolf Mgmt. Plan. Motion carried.

Larry Bonde announced that resolutions 050408 and 030208 will be assigned to both the Warm Water and Great Lakes Committees.

LaCrosse Co. asked that the names and dates on the paddles be reviewed for Congress Service Awards.

A motion was made by Portage, 2nd by Fond du Lac that "we need to work on VHS at boat landings." Motion carried.

Larry Bonde took up the Code of Procedure changes:

1. Merge Districts 11 and 12. Motion made by Juneau, 2nd by Door to accept. Milwaukee And Waukesha urged rejection. Motion to accept failed.
2. Executive Council Voting. Motion by Juneau, 2nd by Clark to adopt. Following discussion a paddle vote was taken with 53 yes votes and 27 no votes. Motion carried.
3. Motion to adopt by Clark, 2nd by Waukesha to adopt. Motion carried.
4. Study Committee Guidance. Motion by Dodge, 2nd by Milwaukee to adopt. Motion carried.
5. Mission Statements. Motion made by Polk, 2nd by Clark to adopt. Motion to amend by Columbia, 2nd by Crawford to delete the second paragraph. The motion carried. with the amendment.
6. Merge Endanged Resources and Law Enforcement. Motion to adopt Door, 2nd by Juneau. Motion carried.
7. Housekeeping. A motion was made by Wood, 2nd by Trempealeau to adopt, but delete the second paragraph. Motion carried with the deletion.

County Issues:

Crawford and Columbia Counties attempted to reopen other business. Their motion failed for lack of support.

LaCrosse County is the host of the 75th Anniversary of the Congress in 2009. They are already starting to plan for this big event and ask for your help and support.

Kurt Thiede-Housekeeping:

We need a logo design for the 75th Anniversary.

A motion was made by Langlade, 2nd by Clark to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 AM

Respectfully submitted,
John W. Edelblute
WCC Secretary