

WCC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
LACROSSE  
5-07-09

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN ED HARVEY AT 4:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL : JOE WEIS, RICH KIRCHMEYER, RAY SMITH, AL BROWN, ROGER SABOTA, MIKE RIGGLE, AROLD NINNEMAN, WADE JESKE, MARK NOLL, MARC SCHULTZ, DAVE PUHL, FRANK REITH, DALE MAAS, DICK KOERNER, JOHN EDELBLUTE, ED HARVEY, MIKE ROGERS, LARRIE HAZEN, KEN RISLEY, AL PHELAN, ROB BOHMANN, AL SHOOK, AND JAMES WROLSTAD. JO ANN KUHARSKA WAS ADDED TO THE ROLL (JO ANN ARRIVED A FEW MINUTES AFTER ROLL WAS TAKEN). – ALL COUNCILORS PRESENT

CHR HARVEY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA BEING NONE THE AGENDA WAS ACCEPTED AS IS.

VICE CHR. ROB BOHMANN READ THE VOTING RESULTS OF THE WCC SPRING HEARING QUESTIONS. THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL.

DICK KOERNER AS SEC. OF THE RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMM. GAVE A REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIONS ON THE RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED AT THE SPRING HEARINGS.

THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 202 RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED.

176 PASSED BY COUNTY VOTE

26 FAILED

110 WERE FORWARDED TO COMMITTEES OF WHICH 69 WERE DUPLICATES  
8 RESOLUTIONS WERE REJECTED BY THE COMMITTEE EITHER BEING IN NOT PROPER FORM, NOT ON PROPER PAPER, OR RETURNED TO AUTHOR BECAUSE THE MAIN INTENTION OF THE RESOLUTION WAS NOT CLEAR TO THE COMMITTEE.

CHR HARVEY THOUGHT THAT EVEN THOUGH THOSE 8 RESOLUTIONS WERE NOT APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE. THEY SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN OUR ANNUAL BOOK SO AS ALL DELEGATES WILL KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE RESOLUTIONS ESPECIALLY IF THE RESOLUTION CAME FROM THEIR COUNTY. THE QUESTION WAS ASKED THAT IF A RESOLUTION IS BROUGHT UP IN MULTIPLE COUNTIES SHOULD ONLY THE ORIGINAL AUTHOR BE INVITED TO TESTIFY BEFORE WHICH EVER COMMITTEE THE RESOLUTION WAS ASSIGNED TO.

DAVE PUHL SUGGESTED THAT THE RULES AND RESOLUTION COMMITTEE LOOK INTO THIS MATTER AND CONSIDER IF THE PRESENT PROCEDURE IS ADEQUATE OR SHOULD IT BE CHANGED.

KURT THIEDE INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT ALL AUTHORS, WHETHER IT IS THE ORIGINAL AUTHOR OR NOT, ARE INVITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE STUDY COMMITTEE THAT THE RESOLUTION IS ASSIGNED TO. CHR. HARVEY

COMMENTED THAT IF THAT IS THE CASE THEN NO FURTHER ACTION WAS NEEDED SINCE ALL AUTHORS ARE ALREADY CONTACTED.

KURT GAVE A REVIEW OF THE NEW EX. COUNCIL ELECTION PROCEDURE THAT WAS ACCEPTED ON THE FLOOR OF 2008'S ANNUAL CONVENTION AND TO BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE 2009'S ANNUAL CONVENTION.

THE NEED FOR THE WCC TO TAKE AN OFFICIAL POSITION ON THE DNR'S 10 YEAR CWD PLAN WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE NRB AT ITS JUNE BOARD MEETING WAS DISCUSSED FOR A GOOD PERIOD OF TIME. THE WCC'S CWD COMMITTEE AND THE BIG GAME COMMITTEE ALREADY HAVE TAKEN POSITIONS ON THE PLAN BUT NEITHER POSITION HAS YET BEEN ADOPTED AS THE OFFICIAL POSITION OF THE WCC. THE CWD COMMITTEE HAD 3 MAIN PROBLEMS WITH THE DNR'S PLAN. ONE IS THE USE OF SHARP SHOOTERS, ANOTHER BEING PRIVATE LAND OWNER HUNTS UNTIL MARCH, AND THE LAST IS THAT THEY DON'T THINK THE PLAN SHOULD BE APPROVED FOR A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS. (5 YEARS IS THE LENGTH OF TIME THEY ARE RECOMMENDING). THE BIG GAME COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED APPROVING THE DNR'S PLAN EXCEPT FOR 2 MAIN REASONS WHICH ALSO INCLUDED NOT WANTING THE USE OF SHARPSHOOTERS AND CONTINUED USE OF AG SHOOTING PERMITS.

**MARK NOLL MADE A MOTION THAT POSITION OF THE WCC BE THE SAME AS THE ONE TAKEN BY THE WCC'S BIG GAME COMMITTEE. 2ND WAS MADE BY AL PHELAN.**

DALE MAAS THOUGHT THAT THIS SHOULD BE BROUGHT UP AND DISCUSSED ON THE FLOOR OF THE CONVENTION.

KEN RISLEY ASKED WHAT THE WCC'S CWD COMMITTEE THOUGHT OF US ADOPTING THE WCC'S BIG GAME COMMITTEE'S POSITION AND NOT THEIR POSITION.

MIKE RIGGLE STATED THAT HE DIDN'T THINK ALL CONGRESS MEMBERS HAD ENOUGH INFORMATION ON THE DNR'S CWD PLAN TO MAKE A GOOD DECISION ON WHAT OUR POSITION SHOULD BE.

WADE JESKE ASKED ROB BOHMANN IF HE THOUGHT THE WCC'S CWD COMMITTEE WOULD APPROVE THE BIG GAME COMMITTEE POSITION AND ROB ANSWERED NO.

**THE HAND VOTE ON THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE WCC'S BIG GAME COMMITTEE'S POSITION AS THE OFFICIAL POSITION OF THE WCC ON THE DNR'S 10 YEAR CWD PLAN WAS 14 YES AND 9 NO MOTION CARRIED**

THERE WERE A FEW RESOLUTIONS THAT WERE RECOMMENDED BY THE RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE EX. COUNCIL.

**#030409** TRAINING OF DOGS IN ZONE C DAVE PUHL SAID THE H/W DOGS COMMITTEE HAS DISCUSSED THIS THE PAST 3 YEARS. THE RESOLUTION WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE EXEC. COUNCIL ON MAY 26.

**#510209** 10 YEAR OLD YOUTH HUNTING PROPOSAL. AT THIS POINT IN TIME THE WCC'S POSITION IS AGAINST LOWERING THE AGE FOR A YOUTH TO BEGIN

HUNTING AT THE AGE OF 10. THE LEGISLATORS ARE EXPECTED TO VOTE ON THIS SOME TIME IN JUNE. THE CONSENSUS OF THE EX. COUNCIL WAS TO BRING THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLOOR SO ALL COUNTIES CAN SPEAK ABOUT THE ISSUE.

**#150309/710209** KEEP DNR SERVICE CENTERS OPEN. THE EX. COUNCIL WANTS THIS ALSO TO BE BROUGHT TO THE FLOOR OF THE CONVENTION SO WE CAN GET SUPPORT FROM ALL COUNTIES NOT TO CLOSE THE SERVICE CENTERS.

**#690409** RIFLES ALLOWED FOR GUN HUNTING DEER IN WAUPACA COUNTY THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED ON MAY 26 AND IF IT PASSES, A QUESTION WILL BE DRAFTED FOR THE 2010 SPRING HEARINGS.

**#130109** NRB APPOINTMENT OF DNR SECRETARY MOTION BY AL SHOOK 2ND BY JO ANN KUHARSKE TO REFER THIS RESOLUTION TO THE WCC'S LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED.

**#140109** MCMILLER SHOOTING RANGE PROPOSAL GLORIA MCCUTCHIN GAVE A PRESENTATION AND ADDED MORE INFORMATION ON THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COUNCIL. THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES IN THE NEW LEASE FROM THE OLD LEASE. THE PROPERTY MANAGER HAD RECOMMENDED A FEW CHANGES LIKE BIODEGRADABLE CLAY BIRDS, NON TOXIC SHOT AND THE NUMBER OF DAYS A YEAR THE FACILITY CAN BE USED. THIS NEW LEASE WILL BE GOOD FOR 5 YEARS. SOME COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL WERE LOSS OF HOURS TO BE ABLE TO USE THE FACILITY AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO USE NON TOXIC SHOT. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT WE DISCUSS THIS ON THE FLOOR OF THE CONVENTION.

MIKE STAGGS DNR FISHERIES MADE A FEW COMMENTS AND MADE A PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL. HE COMMENTED THAT THE DNR FISH MANAGERS DON'T LIKE TO PASS RULES THAT WON'T HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON THE RESOURCE. MIKE MADE COMMENTS ON SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE VOTED ON AT THE SPRING HEARINGS.

QUESTION #6 ELIMINATE BARBLESS HOOK RESTRICTIONS DURING THE EARLY TROUT SEASON. A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T LIKE THE POSSIBILITY OF LOSING THIS RULE. SOME TIMES WE NEED BEST SCIENCE AND SIMPLE RULES. THE DEPARTMENT IS RECOMMENDING FORWARDING THIS QUESTION TO THE NRB.

**#7** CRAYFISH HARVEST LICENSE REQUIREMENTS NEED A SMALL GAME LICENSE NOW. THE DNR IS NOT ASKING FOR A NEW LICENSE JUST CLARIFYING OLD REGULATIONS

**#9** PROVIDE CLARIFICATION FOR SLOUGHS, BAYOUS, AND FLOWAGES PART 1 THE DNR KNOWS THAT SAWYER CO. HAS SOME PROBLEMS WITH THIS PROPOSAL. DAVE PUHL ASKED IF THE DNR IS GOING TO PROVIDE A MAP WITH THESE BOUNDARIES MARKED ON IT.

#24 KENTUCK LAKE MUSKY REGULATIONS THIS QUESTION WAS NOT SUPPORTED LOCALLY. DNR IS NOT RECOMMENDING TO ADVANCE TO THE NRB.

#26 TWIN LAKES CHAIN WALLEYE REGULATIONS NOT SUPPORTED LOCALLY. DNR RECOMMENDING IS NOT TO ADVANCE TO NRB. JOE WEISS ASKED WHY THERE HASN'T BEEN MUCH IN THE PRESS ABOUT THE NATIVE AMERICANS SPEARING. MIKE SAID THAT THE PRESS HAS BEEN GIVEN THE INFORMATION

THE REMAINDER THE DNR'S QUESTIONS WERE BEING ASKED TO BE ADVANCED TO THE NRB

SEC. MATT FRANK TALKED ABOUT SOME OF THE DNR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PROJECTS THEY HAVE WORKED ON OVER THE PAST YEAR. HE STARTED OUT TALKING ABOUT THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER ITS BEAUTY, FISHERIES PROBLEMS AND THE INTRODUCTION OF MORE INVASIVE SPECIES. WE NEED TO PREVENT INVASIVE SPECIES FROM ENTERING THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. WISCONSIN IS THE NUMBER 2 STATE IN THE NATION TO GO FISHING IN. NUMBER 1 IN FISHING LICENSE SALES. DEER CONCERNS WERE A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE THE DNR HAD TO DEAL WITH IN THE PAST YEAR AND WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH IN THE FUTURE. ONE COMMENT THE SECRETARY MADE WAS THAT HUNTERS ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT CAN MAKE A SEASON PROPOSAL WORK OR NOT WORK. THE UNIT REVIEWS WERE WELL ATTENDED THROUGH OUT THE STATE BY MANY DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE. HE ASKED THAT THE WCC LOOK INTO DIFFERENT ALTERNATIVES TO EAB. WE ALL HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT WE NEED TO SUSTAIN A DEER HERD FOR TOMORROW AND ALSO A SUSTAINABLE HABITAT THAT CAN SUPPORT THE DEER HERD OF THE STATE. WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO PROTECT THE GREAT HUNTING TRADITION THIS STATE HAS FOR NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE. THE STATES BUDGET HAS A GROWING DEFICIT PROBLEM THAT SEEMS TO BE GETTING GREATER AND GREATER. ONE OF THE DNR'S BIGGEST CHALLENGES WITH THE STATES BUDGET IS THE ABILITY TO CONTINUE PROVIDING THE SERVICES THEY ARE ALREADY PROVIDING NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM EX. COUNCIL:

JOHN EDELBLUTE STATED THAT WE NEED TO KEEP THE SERVICE CENTERS OPEN AND ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE NEXT WARDEN RECRUIT CLASS. THE NEXT WARDEN RECRUIT CLASS IS SCHEDULED FOR THE YEAR OF 2011.

DAVE PUHL ASKED IF THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A SYSTEM WHERE PEOPLE COULD COMMENT ON DEER MANAGEMENT ISSUES BECAUSE HE THOUGHT THAT A LOT OF INFO WAS LOST BETWEEN LOCAL MEETINGS AND THE PEOPLE IN MADISON.

ROB BOHMANN ASKED ABOUT THE NRB WANTING TO FORM A STAKEHOLDERS COMMITTEE DEALING WITH THE ALTERNATIVE EAB ISSUE. HE STATED THAT WE DEFINITELY NEED TO HAVE GOOD REPRESENTATION ON THIS COMMITTEE FROM THE HUNTER AND LANDOWNER FRATERNITIES.

FRANK REITH ASKED ABOUT THE BAITING FEEDING ISSUE. SEC. FRANK STATED THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS STILL SUPPORTING A STATE WIDE BAN ON BAITING AND FEEDING AND THE NRB'S NUMBER ONE LEGISLATIVE ISSUE THIS YEAR IS THE BANNING OF BAITING AND FEEDING OF DEER. SO FAR THE DNR HASN'T FOUND A LEGISLATIVE SPONSOR TO WRITE OR INTRODUCE SUCH A BILL.

DALE MAAS ASKED ABOUT DMUS, OVER WINTER GOAL CHANGES, AND BOUNDARY CHANGES ALSO THE FACT THAT THERE ARE GETTING TO BE MORE AREAS THAT ARE BEING CLASSIFIED AS URBAN AREAS AND ARE UNHUNTABLE THIS IN TURN IS PUTTING MORE PRESSURE ON PUBLIC HUNTING GROUNDS SO DEER NUMBERS ARE LOW THERE AND HIGH IN THE URBAN AREAS OR BLOCKS OF PRIVATE LAND. SEC. FRANK STATED THAT PRIVATE LAND ACCESS ISSUES ARE A VERY BIG CONCERN AND PROBLEM DEALING WITH DEER NUMBERS FOR THE DNR.

DICK KOERNER TALKED ABOUT DEER 2000 AND THAT SOME OF THE SAME ISSUES THAT WERE BEING DISCUSSED THEN ARE STILL A PROBLEM NOW HE ALSO STATED THAT THERE IS STILL A BIG PROBLEM WITH BELIEVABILITY OF DNR DEER POPULATION ESTIMATES.

JOE WEISS DIDN'T THINK THAT THE LOCAL DEER MANAGERS WERE DOING A GOOD ENOUGH JOB OF CONVINCING THE LOCAL PEOPLE THAT THEIR NUMBERS WERE CORRECT. HE QUESTIONED HOW IS THE DNR DEALING WITH THE PREDATION OF DEER BY WOLVES AND BEAR AND USING IT IN SETTING DEER POPULATIONS. HOW ARE WOLVES GOING TO BE MANAGED, NOW THAT THEY ARE DELISTED. SEC FRANK HOPES LOCAL DEER MANAGERS ARE DOING A GOOD JOB OF PROMOTING THEIR FIGURES. WOLF AND BEAR PREDATION ON DEER IS BECOMING A BIGGER ISSUE ALL THE TIME AND WE DO HAVE A PLACE IN ESTIMATING THE DEER POPULATION THAT DEALS WITH IT. WE ARE WORKING ON A GOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR WOLVES THAT INCLUDES SOME TYPE OF HARVEST AND THAT WILL CONTROL THEIR POPULATION LEVELS.

SCOTT LOOMANS PRESENTED THE DNR'S WILDLIFE QUESTIONS FROM THE SPRING HEARINGS AND ASKED FOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS. HE HIGHLIGHTED SOME OF THE MAIN QUESTIONS THAT WOULD NOT BE FORWARDED TO THE NRB.

QUESTION #37 REQUIRE THE REGISTRATION OF HARVESTED SHARP-TAIL GROUSE ASKING NOT TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NRB.

#42 ALLOW THE USE OF DOGS FOR TURKEY HUNTING STATEWIDE DURING THE FALL SEASON. THE QUESTION LOST THE POPULAR VOTE AT THE SPRING HEARINGS BUT THE DNR IS STILL ASKING THAT IT BE FORWARDED TO THE NRB. WADE JESKE ASKED IF THE QUESTION WAS SUPPORTED IN THE COUNTIES THAT ALREADY HAVE THIS ABILITY. SCOTT THOUGHT THAT 2 DIDN'T SUPPORT THE HUNT. ASKING US TO GO AGAINST THE VOTE OF THE PEOPLE IS NOT HOW THE CONGRESS WORKS, WE REPRESENT THE PEOPLE.

DALE MAAS DON'T YOU THINK THIS WILL HURT THE CREDIBILITY OF THE DNR FORCING AN ISSUE THAT WAS DEFEATED STATE WIDE. MIKE RIGGLE ASKED HOW MANY HUNTERS ARE USING DOGS TO HUNT TURKEYS IN THE TEST AREA. LOOMANS SAID ANY SURVEY THEY HAVE DONE SHOWS IT IS A VERY SMALL NUMBER THAT PARTICIPATE. TOM HAUGE INSERTED THAT IT CREATES ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO HUNT TURKEYS.

#50 ELIMINATE THE LATE SEASON ARCHERY HUNT IN BRUNET ISLAND STATE PARK. THE DNR IS NOT FORWARDING THIS QUESTION ONTO THE NRB.

CHIEF WARDEN RANDY STARK GAVE A VERY INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON THE WARDEN FORCE MAINLY PROMOTING THE WARDENS INVOLVEMENT IN YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND EXPANDING ON MULTI CULTURAL EFFORTS.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY DAVE PUHL 2ND BY AL SHOOK MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED AT 6:45 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
RICHARD KIRCHMEYER SEC.