

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

District 2 – Fall Meeting

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	08/04/2016	7:00 PM	Rolling Oaks Golf Course, Barron, WI
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Dave Larson at 7:02 PM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Mike Britton, Jerald Huston, Jay Koenig, Dave Louis, Wayne Norling, Chandra Stafford, Al Brown, Jack Christenson, Don Dukerschein, Dean Gullickson, Jim Morning, Mike Cran, Joe Tilton, Wally Trudeau, Blake Doud, Robert Reidner, Roger Roehl, Joel Taylor, Dan Vacho, Claude Bovi, Duane Butler, Dave Larson, Jeremy Sarauer
EXCUSED	Brian Melichar, Josh Halberg, Eric Wojchik, Brad Hopp
UNEXCUSED	Ben Anderson, Scott DeRocker, David Ferris
GUESTS	YCC Chippewa County – Cal Smithberg & Emily Flaten, WI DNR staff – Harvey Halvorsen, Kevin Morgan & Michelle Carlisle, Wildlife; Aaron Cole, Fisheries & Russ Fell, Law Enforcement.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/R EPAIR

DISCUSSION	As Presented
ACTION	N/A

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	N/A
ACTION	N/A

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	N/A

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. DNR STAFF UPDATES

VARIOUS

DISCUSSION	<p>Wildlife – no realignment plan update available, look at deficits/fiscal impacts on Fish & Wildlife accounts, recruiting five new biologists, VPA program/brochure distributed, land acquisition in Dunn County (Xcel Energy property), NAWCA 7 Grant, land acquisition funds drying up (Stillwater Bridge Mitigation), summer deer watch, extra deer tags become available; CDAC – new initiatives from Governor’s office, stakeholders meetings, deer population metrics, challenge collecting deer aging data & CWD testing.</p> <p>Fisheries – three new Fisheries supervisors hired, discussed fisheries questions that passed Spring Hearing & were advanced to Fisheries staff</p> <p>Law Enforcement – hiring 2017 warden recruit class, recruits will be hired to specific stations, were able to fill seven investigator positions, nothing to share on realignment plan (information be forthcoming in near future), GO Wild – challenges for field staff will be worked thru, deer tagging scenarios & questions, new warden in Polk County, Pete Wetzel</p>
ACTION	Discussion

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A	N/A

B. CONSERVATION CONGRESS UPDATES

LARSON/BROWN

DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WCC Communication Plan – plan recommends template be provided for delegates; Outreach & Public Relations Committee will continue to work on this with more information to follow. 2. Youth Conservation Plan Update – WCC was awarded grant to assist YCC development; delegates are encouraged to look for interested youth delegates & reach out to youth on natural resource issues 3. Advisory Committee Assignments – reviewed study committee assignments. 4. Advisory Committee Notification – delegates provided feedback on not getting hard copy of agenda mailed to them; any ideas on how to make delegates more aware of committee assignments/meeting dates? Consensus was ability to opt in/out. Possibly include on delegate profile questionnaire. 5. Advisory Committee Evaluation Forms – after advisory committee meetings take time & fill out evaluation form found online under Delegate Resources 6. Delegate Reimbursement Process – 40 cents/mile for study committee meetings, need to file for reimbursement; requires actual signature 7. Unexcused Absences – stressed importance of attending advisory committee meetings; if you can't attend be sure to contact Committee Chair/Secretary for excused absence; courtesy to let District Councilors & County Chair know; Per Code of Procedures it is delegates responsibility to check meeting minutes to ensure attendance accuracy. 8. Conservation Chronicle – requested feedback from delegates if they're okay with online version or if they want to receive hard paper copy in mail. Consensus was ability to opt in/out. 	
ACTION	Discussion	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/A	N/A	

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	DNR Land Sale Comments reminder, CDAC – CWD questions, land access concerns, DMAP questions, potential land purchase - Cedar Creek Natural Area, Town of Sampson, Chippewa County
ACTION	DNR wildlife staff volunteered to check into Cedar Creek questions

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	8:59 PM Motion Wally Trudeau and Second Jim Morning
SUBMITTED BY	Dave Larson
DATE	08/04/2016

From: [Dave and Lesley Larson](#)
To: [Lee-Zimmermann, Kari A - DNR](#); [Schmit, Michael D - DNR](#)
Cc: [Al Brown](#)
Subject: District 2 - 2016 Fall Meeting Attendance
Date: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 7:52:58 AM

District 2 Fall Meeting Attendance - Thursday August 4, 2016
Totals - 23 present, 3 absent, 4 excused

Barron

Britton, Mike - present
Huston, Jerald - present
Koenig, Jay - present
Louis, Dave - present
Melichar, Brian - excused

Burnett

Anderson, Ben - Absent
DeRocker, Scott - Absent
Ferris, Dave - Absent
Norling, Wayne - present
Stafford, Chandra - present

Chippewa

Brown, Al - present
Christensen, Jack - present
Dukerschein, Don - present
Gullickson, Dean - present
Morning, James - present

Polk

Cran, Michael - present
Halberg, Josh - excused
Tilton, Joe - present
Trudeau, Wally - present
Wojchik, Eric - excused

Rusk

Doud, Blake - present
Reidner, Robert - present
Roehl, Roger - present
Taylor, Joel - present
Vacho, Dan - present

St. Croix

Bovi, Claude - present
Butler, Duane - present
Hopp, Brad - excused
Larson, Dave - present
Sarauer, Jeremy - present

I hope to have our minutes to you within the next week or so.

Dave