

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

District 6 Fall Meetings

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	8-9-2016	7:00 PM	Sandhill Wildlife Center
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Stan Brownell at 7:02
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	John Jones, Scott Pitta, Wayne Schmidt, Joe Stuchlak, Peter Hellios, Vonn Liebzeit, Bryce Luchterhand, Allen Jacobson, Patrick LaBarbera, Chris Underwood, Jody Bigalke, Jerry Hemerly, Jeff Johnson, Mark Saemisch, Alan Balliett, Stan Brownell, Roger Greenwood, Eugene Muench, Tyrone Larson, Mike Nicholson, Jeff Kelm, Marlin Laidlaw, Al Lobner, Scott McAuley.
EXCUSED	Robert Niksic, Maurice Amundson, Ron Church, Jeff Giese, Jim Winkler.
UNEXCUSED	Robby Yost, Tara Rueth, Don Wyeth, Bill Waughtal, Jason Wood.
GUESTS	Robin Barnhardt, Matt Esser, Kris Johanson, Jennifer Bergman, Dan Baumann.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	None

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	N/A
ACTION	N/A

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	None

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

DISCUSSION	LE Robin Barnhardt talked about current status of recruits and the opportunity for them to choose where they would prefer to be stationed. He also went over some of the problems they have incurred with the elk relocation. Warden Barnhardt also went over some things regarding the new Go Wild implementation and recommended that people listen in on the chat that is on the DNR website. Kris Johanson gave us an update on the current deer and elk situations. Antlerless tags will be going on sale next week. It is recommended that people go online to familiarize themselves with the process. Elk were released on July 12. Black River Falls received all 50 of the elk this year. With that release the next group of elk will be released in Clam Lake so the fence and accessories will be dismantled and set back up in the Clam Lake area. Kris also introduced us to the new deer and elk biologist Matt Esser stationed in Black River Falls.
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	Jennifer Bergman gave us an update on Fisheries, she advised us of some of the invasive species that are being dealt with. There were questions on what was required to transplant fish from one location to another. TMDL's were discussed. Dan Baumann gave us a review of what is being done by the department with regard to budgets. It is required by the legislature to have these budgets balanced by the end of the year. He advised us that the NRB will have a meeting in Black River Falls at the Comfort Inn on Wed, Sept. 28 at 8:30 AM. There was also a discussion on ground water contamination.	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. WCC COMMUNICATION ISSUES

STAN BROWNELL

DISCUSSION	Stan advised us that the WCC policy for communications is being reviewed and the position of the WCC must be used if the person identifies themselves as a Congress member. Committee assignments were gone over and District 6 councilors will be more attentive to these situations in the future. Written Communications were also discussed and it was the consensus the District would prefer that the department still send out hard copies of their communications.	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

C. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC]

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION		
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Questions on gill lice were asked of Fisheries. A description of this situation was given by Jennifer Bergman. There were discussions on Congress and Department technologies. Jody Bigalke informed the District of activities that KAMO does and how to become more involved. Jerry Hemerley asked how to be included on a Committee. Questions were asked regarding CWD and where is the department at this time with regard to this situation. Kris Johanson informed us as to where the department is, and what else still needs to be done. License fee structures were discussed and where Wisconsin is at with regard to reciprocity with other States. Double fencing on game farms with regard to CWD and how the District Leadership Council came to their position on this matter. John Jones feels the Department needs to be more tactful with their discussions regarding Friendship Lake, and their handling of this situation. Other discussions included wolves, clean water, and how should the license situation be handled regarding the archery season and crossbows.	
ACTION	None	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion to Adjourn by Wayne Schmidt, 2nd by Scott Pitta
SUBMITTED BY	Al Lobner
DATE	8-9-2016 at 9:25 PM