

WI Conservation Congress District 9 meeting.

1. Meeting call to order on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 6:30 PM. Virtual meeting.
2. Roll call: Columbia County; All members present. Crawford County; Steve Ricklef and Robert Ziel present, Tad Beutin, and Andrew Novak excused. William Howe, no internet. Grant County; Rick Knutson, Steve Gehrke, and Kelly Tollefson present. Nathan Budack excused. Kevin Lange no present. Iowa County; all members present Lafayette County, Mike Gould, Dave Breunig, Mark LaBarbera were present. Steve Staver was excused (fishing) and Wayne Stietz absent. Richland County, John Cler, present. David Barron and Brock Rosenkranz were excused. Robert Buscher not present. Sauk County; Mike Rogers, Brad Hasheider, Craig Raschein, Gary Dieck and Mitch Baker were present.
3. Shelley Allness gave Department and Secretary's Office updates. Hunter Safety program being changed back to some hand's on training. Black Earth Creek has PFA's contamination and there is a fish eating warming out. Tony Grabski asked about CWD update. Shelley replied this is on going. Wolf Hunt is off for now.
4. Spring Hearings will be held online for 2022 on April 11 at 7:00 PM and will remain open for 72 hours. No in –person meetings will be held.
5. Resolutions can be submitted online through March 11. DNR Staff will assign resolution number. Length changed from 250 words to 2,000 characters.
- 6 Delegate Seats: Terms extended by another year as was done last year. If you weren't planning to run again or wish to vacate your seat, contact Kari Lee-Zimmerman, your County Chair or your District Councilors. Applications may be taken through March 11 to fill vacancies. Delegate profiles will be available online in the form of a survey. Have until Friday, April 8, 2022 to complete. Delegates without email, will have a hard copy mailed. New delegates with email will receive the informational email a few days after from Kari after their appointment notification.
- 7 Local Spring Hearing Press Release. Will be sent by email to delegates with email. Delegate needs to be assigned to release to local media outlets. There is no funding to pay for advertising. Contact Kari with questions.
- 8 Committee Assignments. District 9 asks members to email with preference and will discuss more at Annual Meeting in the Dells.

Youth Conservation Congress: Need to get youth involved.

Outreach and Public Relations Efforts Information available online. Delegates may get business cards to have and pass out.

Shooting Range update, email recently sent out with a list. Review for accuracy.

- 9 Awards: Annual WCC award Awards is online. Need nominations for Dave Ladd Heavy Lifter award by March 31. Contact District Councilor members for more information.
- 10 Executive Committee DNR staff awards Go to WCC website for the form. Due March 31, 2022.
- 11 WCC Learn-to Bear Hunt Tag. Essays due April 27 and this is online.
- 12 2022 Annual Convention is May 12-14 at Chula Vista in WI Dells. Need raffle items. Need memorial resolutions to pass out. Have not done this since 2019. Give list to District Councilors
- 13 Member Matters: May 16-18 at Poynette is the annual program. Bill Howe is 99 years young. County CDAC meetings upcoming and 2nd meeting possibly will be in person. Michael Gould has planted one million trees. Need participation at spring hearing. So far 170 resolutions state wide.
14. Motion to adjourn by Rick Knutson, 2nd by Mike Gould. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:10 PM