



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Rules and Resolutions
 Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes
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ORDER OF BUSINESS	09/09/2023	9:30 AM	Mead Wildlife Center
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Tony Blattler at 9:32 AM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Kevin Smaby, Brad Hopp, Tony Blattler, Kathleen Presnell, Brad Wagner, Al Brown, David Kuhr, Don Baloun, LaVonne Liebrecht, Butch Roberts, Fred Wollenburg, Matt McHugh, James Burmeister, Gary Dieck Kari Lee Zimmerman, Chandra Harvey, Matt Wehn
EXCUSED	MarySusan Diedrich, Lowell Suring, Larry Bonde
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Rob Bohmann

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Tony asked for discretion with order of agenda items.
ACTION	Motion to accept- Kevin Smaby Second- Don Baloun Majority in favor

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Tony Read The Mission Statement
ACTION	Motion to accept- Kevin Smaby Second- Matt McHugh Majority in favor

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	There were many comments from the public that were received by email. These were distributed to the committee prior to the meeting to be reviewed.
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion regarding possible changes to the COP

[PRESENTER]

1. Article:1 Definition H - Spring Hearing/Open House,

DISCUSSION	<p>Tony-Our purpose is to send recommendations to the DLC. Provide clarity. Jim- We don't have to approve what we disagree with as far as the changes Rob- Suggested putting Spring Hearing/ Open House topic on hold until the State decides what it wants to do. Kevin- We still should address Spring Hearing problems Tony- We need to adhere to the election process Kevin- His District and public would like to see the Spring Hearing label come back. Open House was to confusing. Matt- Bring back the Spring Hearing concept. Give the event more formality Jim- Are we creating verbiage that the Executive Committee will not approve? Brad H- His feedback from his citizens and Delegate reflects a hybrid event in the spring. Both in person and on-line LaVonne- Add to the title to tell people what the event is about Brad W- Recommends a hybrid input and resolution process and the DNR can add science based rationale during the meeting Dave- More people are involved now than before. People are more willing to share their passion for our resources. The Spring Hearing format worked before and feels it would work again. Why reinvent the wheel. Don- Agreed that more people will use the on-line option. The resolution process and input should be able to be set up very easily Fred- Shared disappointment with the open house but we can't just go back to in person only. Resolution Review committee has made great stride in insuring that we have quality resolutions to study and encourage participation Matt- Everyone should have an opportunity to submit resolutions. They should be read at their respective county Spring Hearing. Hybrid opens opportunity discussion and input Jim- Fears if we go backwards. on-line works well. Do both Kevin- Hybrid will work Don- Put a time frame on resolutions so they can be processed prior to the county Spring Hearings</p>
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	<p>Jim- This all seems backwards cause the DLC hasn't told us what to do Brad H- Motion to call the event Annual WCC Election and Public Survey Second by Kathleen Kathleen asked if the motion could read Delegate Election. Brad accepted the change Brad W- Amend the motion to, WCC and DNR Spring Hearing- Public input on DNR Rules, WCC Resolutions, and WCC Delegate elections It was expressed that most people historically recognize the Spring Hearing term. LaVonne- New people don't know what it is Kevin- We can just call it the Spring Hearing and then define what it is. There was MUCH discussion Al- There's a lot to absorb. Don't want a long title. Hearing is a common word in many DNR Meetings and communications Kathy- Withdrew her second of the original motion Motion withdrawn Chandra- The Dept doesn't have a direction on any of this Tony- I would like to see our liaisons take this discussion and show where we are. We're waiting for their decision! WCC need to show what they want Rob- We are committed to change. We should table this. The DLC will just do house cleaning in their review Jim- Motion to reject Open House and retain Spring Hearing Second- Don Butch- Our objective is to provide recommendations. This is all very confusing Kathy- What does the DLC want us to do? Rob can you address this. Call to the motion- Majority in favor Motion by Jim to accept all Spring Hearing verbiage throughout the COP Fred- Second Majority in favor Brad W- We should clarify that we work with the original document. The latest changes that are marked have not been voted in so applicable. Don- Motion to reject the suggested changes by the Spring Hearing Process Committee in it's entirety. Second- Brad W Chandra- We can proceed to table all this or move on Tony- We'll stick with the agenda and do just that where applicable Kathy- That committee worked hard on these changes and should be given some consideration Butch- There are many changes recommended that are not on the agenda Motion and second are withdrawn Motion Brad W to table discussion of A2 second- Jim Majority in favor</p>	
ACTION	Motion to approve all changes to be done later	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. A3 XI Local Resolutions

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>Local resolutions are submitted before the annual Spring Hearing. In order for a resolution to be accepted for further consideration by the Conservation Congress, all resolutions must meet the following requirements:</p> <p>A. Local Resolutions requirements and Format</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Omit 2. The resolution must be practical, achievable, reasonable, and meet the WCC Vision supporting the formation of natural resource policy, research, education, and conservation. 3. Leave the same 4. Current statute and law must be considered, with reasonable cause for change being presented if applicable. If it is determined by the WCC that Federal or State Legislative action is needed, the author would be advised that the resolution would require legislative action. 5. The author's name, mailing address, residing county, telephone number, and email address are required. Authors are encouraged to attend and present their resolution at the annual Spring Hearing. 6. Leave the same 7. Leave the same 8. Leave the same 	
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	9. Leave the same 10. The resolution must be submitted online via the Department's survey intake tool.
ACTION	Motion accept the changes- Kevin Second- LaVonne Motion carried with 2 Nays.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

C. VI Meetings

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	A. Time and Place 1. The District Leadership Council of the Conservation Congress will meet annually on the 2nd Saturday in October and January and also twice in May each calendar year. The January meeting shall be scheduled in the center portion of the State. The first May meeting is scheduled in conjunction with the convention, and the second May meeting is scheduled in conjunction with the Board's May meeting. F. Guideline for Citizen Participation Sessions The Conservation Congress may provide opportunity for citizens to appear in person or via electronic device (if applicable) before the Advisory Committees of the Conservation Congress to provide information on items listed or not listed on the agenda. Public participation requirements will mirror the requirements of the NRB. These appearances shall be brief and concise. To accommodate as many persons as possible in the allotted time, the following guidelines are established;
ACTION	Motion to accept the change to A1- Don Second- LaVonne Majority in favor Motion to accept the change to F.- Don Second- Kevin Majority in favor
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

D. X. Delegate Election Process

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Switch D and E around
ACTION	Motion to accept the change- Butch Second- Jim Majority in favor
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

E. XII District Leadership Council Election

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	B. Newly elected district councilor will assume office on their election at the State Convention and will serve a one year term. D. A majority (50% + 1) of delegates in attendance in the districts is required for election to the council. If a majority cannot be gained by the candidate in three ballots, the conciliator will be chosen by drawing of lots from the nominees remaining.
ACTION	Motion to approve B.- Brad H Second- Al Majority in favor 1 Nay Motion to approve D.- Jim Second- Kevin Majority in favor
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

F. Sub-committee created

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	There was a sub-committee created to pre-study changes to the COP before the next meeting. Table all other business on the agenda until the next meeting
ACTION	Volunteers were-Brad W, Don, Jim, Kathy, and Fred Motion on tabling the rest of the agenda- Fred Second- LaVonne Majority in favor
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	There was no members matters presented. The next meeting is scheduled for Dec.9. Kari to look for facility.
ACTION	Motion to adjourn Don Second- Matt Majority in favor

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	3:00 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Brad Hopp
DATE	09/10/2023