



Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
 WCC Wolf Committee  
 Meeting Minutes

**WCC Meeting Minutes**  
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<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	10/27/2021	7 PM	zoom
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**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by	Steve Budnik at 7:01
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**B. ROLL CALL**

ATTENDEES	Jeff Wilson, Lowell Wright, George Meyer, Dave Lois, Duane Hoefs, Steve Budnik, Chair, Laurie Groskopf, Mike Rogers, Ron Krueger, Steve Staver, Matt McHugh, Steve Ninneman, Paul Witalison
EXCUSED	James Engebretson, Bill Yingst, Tom Johnson
UNEXCUSED	Jessie Espeseth, Jeff Giese, Scott McAuley, Peter Mueller
GUESTS	Kari Lee-Zimmermann, Brad Koele, Jennifer Price -Tack, Randy Johnson (all DNR staff), Cynthia Samels, Amy Mueller, Barb Eisenberg, Heidi Cassel, Jason Maloney, Jean Voss, Kathleen Raddatz, Linda Hiller Deppe, Scott Pitta, Gloriann Klein, Marcel DuBois, Jerome Donohoe, Al Lobner, Linda Hendricks, Tony Blattler - WCC Chair, Katie Moore

**C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR**

DISCUSSION	no changes
ACTION	1 - George Meyer; 2 - Steve Ninneman motion to approve MC

**D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT**

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Steve Budnik reviewed the committee mission statement

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

DISCUSSION	Kat Raddatz was the only member of the public registered to speak. Comments related to the use of dogs in hunting is equivalent to cruelty to animals, which is against the law. She is against killing any living animal.
ACTION	

**II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

**A.**

1.	Items first and second item on the agenda related to citizen resolutions	Scott Pitta, Gloriann Klein, Amy Mueller, Ka
	DISCUSSION	Authors of resolutions support the elimination of using dogs to hunt wolves in WI. Committee discussed how to proceed with this resolution or to recommend rejection.
	ACTION	Motion to reject the resolution 010121, 681721, 411221, 460121, 410821,440421,130921,570421,640321,680521
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	motion made to reject 1 - Jeff Wilson, 2 - Steve Ninneman MC 11 for, 2 against	issue referred to DLC for possible action on spr
2.	Item 3 on agenda related to citizen resolution	Hubert Malsin (represented by Al Lobner)
	DISCUSSION	Resolution would recommend two wolf seasons with quota split evenly between seasons, similar to bobcat.
	ACTION	motion to reject 1-Steve Ninneman, 2 - Ron Krueger 720421
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	motion carried 8 in favor, 5 opposed	
3.	Item 4 on agenda related to citizen resolution	Marya Bradley
	DISCUSSION	the resolution prevents any future hunting/trapping season unless the new wolf management plan is complete.

ACTION	motion to reject 1 - Laurie Groskopf 2- Ron Krueger 132621, 411421	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
motion carried 13 in favor, none opposed		

4. Item 5 on agenda related to citizen resolution Jason Maloney

DISCUSSION	another resolution to require the wolf management plan be completed before resuming any harvests. Jason felt the completion of the management plan and some time passing would turn the heat down on this controversial issue.	
ACTION	motion to approve died lack of a second. motion to reject 1 - Ron Krueger 2 - Steve Ninneman 040521	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
motion carried 13 in favor, none opposed		

5. items 6, 7 & 8 on agenda combined related to citizen resolutions Laurie Groskopf, Al Lobner

DISCUSSION	36 county boards have passed resolutions to return wolf numbers to 350 or 350 or less. Various organizations have also taken this position, including the WCC	
ACTION	Motion to advance 1 - Paul Witalison, 2 - Mike Rogers 090821,440221, 720721, 470121, 350121	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
motion carried with 9 voting to approve, 4 against		

6. item 9 on agenda regarding citizen resolution Linda Hendrix

DISCUSSION	the author asked that the resolution be withdrawn because she intends to rewrite it and submit again next spring	
ACTION	motion to reject 560221 1- Jeff Wilson, 2 - George Meyer	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
motion carried 13 in favor, none opposed.		

**B. Spring and Fall harvests**

Randy Johson

DISCUSSION	Randy Johnson, Large Carnivore Manager, noted the February 2021 harvest report is on the DNR web site with detailed information. The next wolf management report which is furnished to the federal government should be completed soon.	
ACTION	none	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**C. Conflict management**

Brad Koele

DISCUSSION	Brad Koele, Wildlife damage specialist, presented current data on lethal and non-lethal controls in WI. 95 conflicts are on the official list. 15 hunting dogs which is much less than other years. Possibly because problem wolves were removed during the winter harvest. 44 farm conflicts have occurred, which is more than usual. 62 landowner permits have been issued in conflict cases with 6 wolves being removed, plus 3 from landowner response to immediate conflicts. Wildlife Services have removed 60 wolves resulting after non-lethal abatement became ineffective.	
ACTION	none	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**D. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC]**

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Jennifer Price-Tack from the science section - 1126 is the most probable wolf number prior to the winter harvest with a 95% confidence interval of 937-1364. The new method of estimating wolves in WI has been written up and is being published in the Journal of Wildlife Management soon.	
ACTION	none	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

E. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC] [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	in the absence of law enforcement, Randy Johnson noted that the DNR is still working with private trappers to collar wolves accidentally trapped for coyote season. There are 35 collared wolves at this time. Law enforcement has not had any issues with wolves being attacked during the past season.	
ACTION	none	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

MEETING ADJOURNED	9:41 1 - Ron Krueger 2 - Mike Rogers MC
SUBMITTED BY	Laurie Groskopf
DATE	10/28/2021