

Wisconsin Conservation Congress
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL (3 APRIL 14)
MEETING MINUTES

ORDER OF BUSINESS

04/03/14

12:30 p.m.

Conference call

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Rob Bohmann at 12:31 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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| ATTENDEES | Bohmann, Bonde, Weiss, Fahrney, Suchla |
| EXCUSED | N/A |
| UNEXCUSED | N/A |
| GUESTS | Zimmermann, Phelan, Bronson (DNR), Martin (DNR), Smith (Journal) |

C. AGENDA

APPROVAL/REPAIR

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| DISCUSSION | Motion to approve by Bonde, Second by Fahrney |
| ACTION | motion carries |

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

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| DISCUSSION | N/A |
| ACTION | N/A |

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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| DISCUSSION | N/A |
| ACTION | |

I. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. DEER AND ELK COMMITTEE REPORT

PHELAN

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| DISCUSSION | <p>Phelan- concern over two motions coming out of Deer and Elk committee. (1) lack of info on proposed enclosure for DNR deer/habitat study. (2) request endorsement of "zero quota" for northern zone deer herd this year. Discussion ensued on the "enclosure" item.</p> <p>Martin- enclosure study under consideration for many years- (back to deer 2000). 2009-2010 allocated money for the project. Various properties looked at for consideration. Northern Highland looked at last year. Master plan reviewed and amendment for use approved by NRB last October (2013). Study will look at impact of deer on their habitat and also impact of management practices on the deer herd.</p> <p>Bronson- possible desired outcomes of the study- give managers and county boards tools to assess</p> |
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| | <p>habitat and population goals in particular counties.i.e. Nutrition info, thermal components, winter survival, and other info. Develop deer management/ deer health metrics.</p> <p>Bohmann- questioned citizen participation in selection process of affected properties. Answer: two meetings held in Vilas county. 200-300 responses (including on-line). Total acres involved in study (1050). Exact enclosures not mapped out yet. Will attempt to have them close together.</p> <p>Bonde- questions what name the project was purchased under. Answer: "Hovel Property"</p> <p>Bohmann- How many enclosures? Answer: 9. areas will not be open to hunting or trapping.</p> <p>Bohmann- "What about Sandhill"? Answer: won't work. Represents a different habitat.</p> <p>Bohmann- "How about spreading the study area out" Answer: no. problem with site specific issues.</p> <p>Bohmann- will 20 years work instead of 30? Also, how is the property used by how many hunters? Answer: 20 is a possibility. Very few hunters seen last year on affected property.</p> <p>Fahrney- questioned how the project data can be projected across the state. Also, will the area be double fenced? Answer: exploring it. 10 foot fence will be used with 2 feet under ground to prevent access. Every deer will be fitted with a GPS collar. All deer tested for disease. 36 deer needed for the study. Fawns will be moved each year from enclosures to prevent genetic problems.</p> <p>Suchla- excused from meeting.</p> <p>Weiss- questions whether or not private landowners (large tracts similar to Cargill property in Washburn county) were contacted about participating in this study.</p> <p>Phelan- motion was originally brought up because of concern by the committee as to the elimination of public land from hunters and trappers on property purchased with stewardship funds. Item is on the NRB agenda for next week as an info item only. Not an action item.</p> <p>Timetable: timber harvest 2014-2015 fencing- summer 2015 12 months to complete. Land will be closed to the public deer introduction- winter 2016-2017</p> <p>Bonde- issue is that this project was not properly vetted to the public. Suggests tabling until NRB can be briefed by WCC on public concerns. Motion made by Bonde to table until NRB meeting next week to present public info. Second by Weiss. Motion carries by voice.</p> <p>Phelan- looking for executive committee endorsement for a "zero" quota for northern forest zone deer this fall. Motion to adopt the Deer and Elk committee position for a request of "zero" quota made by Fahrney. Second by Bonde. Motion carries by voice.</p> <p>Fahrney- excused from the meeting</p> |
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B. CONVENTION REVIEW

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| DISCUSSION | <p>Kari- draft agenda sent out. 80th anniversary pins ordered. Wooden name tags will be ordered. Strategic Plan info included in agenda. Changes in the COP that will be voted on at the convention will be annotated along side the current language in the COP in the convention booklet. Delegates will be able to annotate changes that are subsequently passed in their booklets. Clothing orders planned. Rob will coordinate Thursday night activities.</p> <p>Bohmann- Paul Smith should be formally invited to the convention. Kari- will handle that. Also, former "Chairs of the WCC will be invited. Kari- What are the Youth CC delegates going to be doing at the convention? Bohmann- will look into it. Will contact Ken Johnson, Warnke, Schaller, UW Stevens Point personnel etc.</p> <p>Weiss- request made to follow up on the reading of the memorial resolutions with a moment of silence during the opening of the convention instead of at the banquet on Friday night.</p> |
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C. WCC ADMIN AND HOUSEKEEPING

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| DISCUSSION | Kari- will look into venues for a meeting of all committee chairs and “county deer committee” chairs” on June 21 st . | |
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I. MEMBERS MATTERS

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| DISCUSSION | Weiss- questions where money is coming from to fund tribal upgrades to their hatcheries to raise extended growth walleyes that we have to “buy back” from them for stocking. Bonde- request schedule for NRB to present info. Motion to adjourn by Bonde. Second by Weiss. Motion carries | |
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II. ADJOURNMENT

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| MEETING ADJOURNED | 13:39 p.m. |
| SUBMITTED BY | Joe Weiss, Secretary- WCC |
| DATE | 04/04/14 |