

# Wisconsin Conservation Congress

## Land Use Committee

### Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	10/25/2014	09:30 AM	Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Center S2148 County Road S, Milladore, WI
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#### I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

##### A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Chair Rick Olson at 09:30 AM
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##### B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	<b>WCC Delegates:</b> Rick Olson, Dave Larson, Craig Olson, Tom Krueger, Richard Warosh, Bob Ellingson, Jim Thompson, Micheal Hurlbert, Francis Ogden, Bill Waughtal, Matt Jacowski, Eric Booker, Douglas Seidl, Keith Propson, Gary Karnowski, Jim Barbian, Jason Dorgan, Jacob Janowski. <b>DNR Liaisons:</b> Jim Jung, Dreux Watermolen, Doug Haag, Steve Peterson; <b>WCC Coordinator</b> Adam Lindsey.
EXCUSED	Robert Haddick, John Deuchert, Craig Raschein, Dave Natter
UNEXCUSED	Stuart Boren, Scott Klapperich
GUESTS	Tony Blattler (Resolution # 510414), Lane Webster (Resolution # 440214), Jack Voight (Resolution # 450114), Karen Webster

##### C. AGENDA APPROVAL OR REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Chair Olson asked for agenda approval or repair. Motion to repair by: Jason Dorgan; Seconded by: Doug Seidl to change the Order of Business; Section II; A. CITIZEN RESOLUTIONS to the following order: Question 1, Question 4, DNR Information, Question 2, then Question 3.
ACTION	Passed

##### D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Vice Chair Larson read Committee Mission Statement. Discussion.
ACTION	Motion to approve as is by: Matt Jacowski; Seconded by: Jacob Janowski. Passed.

##### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	N/A

#### II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

##### A. Citizen Resolutions

##### 1. RESOLUTION # 510414 - PORTABLE TREE STAND USE ON STATE LANDS NORTH OF HWY 64

**TONY BLATTLER**

DISCUSSION	Vice Chair Larson read the resolution. Craig Olson and Gary Kanowski had concerns with boundary. Gary Karnowski and Bill Waughtal
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	wanted to see ground blinds included. Mike Hurlbert had littering concerns. Doug Seidl asked what about ground blinds? Jason Dorgan has an area/acre concern along with Bill Waughtal. Motion to Reject by Bob Ellingson; 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Dave Larson.
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion to Reject passed by hand vote 15 to 3.
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

**2. RESOLUTION # 440214 - TREE STANDS and GROUND BLINDS  
on STATE OWNED LANDS**

**LANE WEBSTER**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Vice Chair Larson read the resolution. Motion To Reject by Keith Propson; 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Bob Ellingson. Mike Hurlbert had questions about theft. Matt Jacowski had permit concerns. Doug Seidl asked what about fees and administration? Craig Olson spoke about physical concerns. Theft is the person's responsibility. Jim Barbian had concerns about how many blinds would be allowed? Bill Waughtal said he understands the problems, but questions the practicalities. Jason Dorgan has concerns about the entire process. Dave Larson spoke of concerns of the technicalities of administering. Richard Warosh was questioning how long a "right" would entail, with the lengths of the seasons. Jim Barbian and Gary Kanarowski felt it needs more work. Craig Olson and Matt Jacowski have an "ownership" of the spot concern". Keith Propson has his doubts of it being practical.
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion to Reject passed by unanimous hand vote.
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

**3. RESOLUTION # 450114 - SUPPORT the DESIGNATION  
of the MONARCH BUTTERFLY as the STATE BUTTERFLY**

**JACK VOIGHT**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Vice Chair Larson read the resolution. Motion To Accept by Matt Jacoski; 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Jim Thompson. Jack Voight gave an overview of the Butterfly and some of its critical habitat requirements. Habitat is of concern for this species. Migrates great distances and quality connecting habitat along the way is of great concern. Gary Karnowski commented that Legislation may be a requirement. Presenter is looking for our support. Most members present were in favor of endorsing this proposal and concern.
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion to Accept passed by hand vote 17 to 1.
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

**4. RESOLUTION # 110414 – TARGET SHOOTING ON DNR  
LANDS/PUBLIC SHOOTING RANGE COLUMBIA COUNTY**

**AUTHOR NOT PRESENT**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Vice Chair Larson read the resolution. Motion to Accept by Gary Karnowski; 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Mike Hurlbert. Matt Jacowski recommended forwarding to the Natural Resources Board. Bob Ellingson stated that the range is the way to go; public lands are many times abused otherwise. Eric Booker was concerned as to what is legal. Dave Larson had questions of littering. Jason Dorgan had questions about public ranges available?
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion to Accept passed by hand vote.
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

## B. Department Information Items and Updates

### 1A. PUBLIC ACCESS PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

DOUG HAAG

DISCUSSION	Haag presented an overview of the current programs available on how to access public lands in Wisconsin via the "Public Access Lands" web-site/link on the DNR Website. He spoke about a priority to "block in" land bases. Roads are planned to be inventoried and mapped. There are many different "layers" of information on the site to find the types of properties of interest to the user, including State Parks, State Wildlife Areas, State Forests, State Natural Areas, Flowages, Rivers, Lakes, etc....	
ACTION	Report accepted.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

### 1B. DOT MITIGATION LANDS

DOUG HAAG

DISCUSSION	Haag presented an overview of DOT mitigation lands. Matt Jacowski presented specific information on the Lost Creek Mitigation Site and proposed a Resolution as follows:  "Be it resolved the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Land Use Committee at its October 25, 2014 meeting recommends the Wisconsin Department Of Transportation work together to open the Lost Creek Mitigation Site, in the Town of Stockton, Portage County, to all Nature Based Outdoor Recreation." Motion was made to accept and was seconded.	
ACTION	Motion to Accept passed by hand vote.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Matt Jacowski	N/A	

### 1C. TREE STAND USE ON MFL LANDS

JIM JUNG

DISCUSSION	Jung spoke about some of the Law Enforcement concerns (including tree stands) pertaining to MFL lands and who is authorized to enforce those concerns. MFL has its own particular set of rules and it seems to be quite vague as to who is responsible to enforce what? Trespass is a County Sheriff responsibility.	
ACTION	Report accepted.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

### 2. LAND TRANSACTION TYPES AND INCREASED ACCESS FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION ACTIVITIES

DOUG HAAG

DISCUSSION	Haag spoke about the different land transactions for increased access for outdoor recreation activities.	
ACTION	Report accepted.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

### 3. CURRENT FOREST PRACTICES AND GOALS FOR FUTURE HARVESTS PROMOTING DIVERSE HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS

STEVE PETERSON

DISCUSSION	Peterson provided a review of current situations with Forest Practices and Goals for future harvests. About 80% of the State Forest Lands are being actively managed. He spoke mainly about the Northern Highland State Forest and the Willow Flowage Area. Actively managing about 20,000 acres per year. Will stabilize at about 17,000 acres. Timber Producers are the "key" to managing the Forest. Without a	
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	strong timber industry...we will not be getting much management work done.	
<b>ACTION</b>	Report accepted.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

### III. MEMBERS MATTERS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Mike Hurlbert commented that he was glad he was put on this Committee. He felt that it was informative and has knowledgeable members.
<b>ACTION</b>	N/A

### IV. ADJOURNMENT

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	Motion to Adjourn by: Doug Seidl; 2 <sup>nd</sup> by: Jacob Janowski. Adjourned at <b>12:30 PM</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	Jim Thompson - Land Use Committee Secretary
<b>DATE</b>	October 25, 2014