

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CONFERENCE CALL

Meeting Minutes



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| ORDER OF BUSINESS | 2/15/16 | 11:37 AM | Conference Call |
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

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| MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY | Chairman Rob Bohmann at 11:37 PM |
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B. ROLL CALL

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| ATTENDEES | Bohmann, Bonde, Maas, Fahrney, Weiss @ 12:34 PM and Kari Lee-Zimmermann |
| EXCUSED | |
| UNEXCUSED | |
| GUESTS | Doug Haag Deputy Director Bureau of Lands |

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

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| DISCUSSION | No changes M/Fahrney 2 nd /Bonde to approve as published |
| ACTION | M/C |

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD ITEM 3.B.1

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LAND SALES UNDER DIRECTION OF 2013-2015 BIENNIAL BUDGET BILL.

DOUG HAAG

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| DISCUSSION | <p>Wisconsin Act 20 (2013-2015 biannual budget) requires the department to make at least 10,000 acres of land located outside of project boundaries (as of 2013) available for sale by 2017. Proceeds will go to repay debt related to the Knowles - Nelson Stewardship Program. The 10,000 acres represents less than one percent of the departments total land ownership.</p> <p>This year (phase two) 82 parcels totaling 5,900 acres are being recommended for sale. There are three categories to base the sale on (listed below are the associated number of parcels and acreage for each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipalities and Tribal Nations (23 parcels/2,405 acres) • Land Locked to be offered to adjoining land owners only (36 parcels/2,494 acres) • Public bidding (23 parcels/1,001 acres) <p>Phase one saw 22 parcels (1,407 acres) approved for sale by NRB. 18 have been marketed (1,166 acres) and 11 parcels (394 acres) have sold for \$637,220. 4 parcels have not been marketed yet as they have Federal Interest that the state needs approval of by the Federal Government in order to sell. Many questions were asked on the review process and making sure that the state received fair market value for any property sold. District Councilors were asked last month to review the transactions in there District and report back. No issues were raised as of this meeting.</p> |
| ACTION | M/ Maas 2 nd /Fahrney to approve recommendation as presented M/C |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
| N/A | N/A |

B. ALIGN MISSION AND PURPOSE STATEMENT FROM STRATEGIC PLAN WITH CODE OF PROCEDURES

BONDE

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| DISCUSSION | Bonde review some additional areas that were missed as they related to the Strategic Plan that conflict with the Code of Procedure. After review it was decided that this should be referred to the Executive Council for their next meeting. | |
| ACTION | Review at next Ex Council meeting | |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE | |
| Bonde | Next. Ex. Council Meeting | |

C. CONSERVATION CHRONICAL UPDATE.

ZIMMERMANN

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| DISCUSSION | Information is coming in steady for the Chronicle and we are at 12 pages now. Discussion on needing additional space for more articles. It was decided that the deadline will be February 22 and Kari will make the needed edits to keep it at no more than 16 pages. | |
| ACTION | Information only | |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE | |
| N/A | N/A | |

D. CONSERVATION CONGRESS ADMINISTRATIVE HOUSEKEEPING. (NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN)

ZIMMERMANN

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| DISCUSSION | <p>Delegate mailing sent out today (2/15/16). Art Lersh will be at the convention for the Planning Report. Rob reported that the 10 year fish and wildlife committee had a meeting last Saturday and didn't have a quorum, "this is unacceptable. The last time they met it was a conference call and didn't have a quorum at that one either. We wasted staff time along with those that did attend along with the associated costs for lunch and travel. Not sure what we need to do if this is still a needed committee since the 10 year plan was agreed to and issued by the department." This was an action of the Congress from the floor and we need to see what the Executive Council wants to do. He will add a list of all absentees at committee meetings to the District Councilors prior to the District Meetings. Please review prior to making the next round of committee requests the Committee assignment request sheet will be sent out shortly.</p> <p>Sign up for DNR Committees will be on the delegate profile sheet and at the convention, some department staff have asked for the same delegate to be assigned if they were working in a project just to keep some form of continuity.</p> | |
| ACTION | Information only | |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE | |
| N/A | N/A | |

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

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| DISCUSSION | <p>Bohmann: brought up a set of bills that are in the legislature that are a follow up to Act 21 Legislation. AB251 and SB168 are companion bills that will actually lengthen the time it take to make changes in Fish and Wildlife rules rather than shorten it. The Department was working on language to shorten the time by using public input and the fact that little economic impact is involved in most of the rule changes we propose. The newly proposed legislation would keep the current time frame (two to two and one half years) and also add another 6 months to the process or more depending on the changes requested. Rob will be issuing a press release on behalf of the Congress expressing our concerns on this proposed legislation. We will need to get all delegates to get involved with their local representatives. Fahrney: feels the executive Committee needs to have more authority to take</p> | |
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| | <p>positions between meetings. This may take a COP change he feels that we also need a legislative liaison.</p> <p>Weiss: questioned what happened to the fish farm bill? Kari will check and report back.</p> <p>Maas: asked if the last conference call minutes have been approved. Rob said not as of yet. Dale also asked that Kari request of all department personnel presenting at executive Council and Convention provide a copy of their presentations so he could cut and paste them into the minutes rather than have to condense or reproduce them himself.</p> <p>Bonde: asked what the status was of the communication plan that Nadia Bogue was putting together. He was going to have it presented at this upcoming convention. Lee will find out and report back.</p> <p>Next meeting will be tentatively Monday March 28th at 12:30 PM.</p> <p>M/Fahrney 2nd/ Weiss to adjourn M/C</p> |
| ACTION | Information only |

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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| MEETING ADJOURNED | 1:02 PM |
| SUBMITTED BY | Dale Maas |
| DATE | 2/17/16 |