



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Turkey and Upland Committee
 Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes
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ORDER OF BUSINESS	10/12/2022	6:30 pm	Zoom
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Dave Zielke at 6:36 pm
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Mike Wade, Daniel Tyrolt, Jeff Winn, Oscar Mueller, Dave Pennings, Dave Larson, Roxanne Broullire, Dave Zielke, Charles Gauger, Jason Leis, Roger Greenwood, Clarence Koch, Don Anderson, Nick Gall, Trevor Hubbs, Taylor Finger(DNR Liason, Wildlife), Chris Pollentier(DNR), Ron Weber(DNR Liason, Forestry)
EXCUSED	Colton Greenhill, Arlyn Splitt
UNEXCUSED	Dave Orf, Rick Koenig, Marcell Wieloch, Michael Kautz, Mark Kortbein, Otto Bowe, Douglas Williams, John Cler, Brock Rosenkranz
GUESTS	Jerome, Stephen Anderson, Craig Mulligan

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	Motion to approve made by Charles Gauger, 2nd by Jeff Winn

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	Read by Dave Zielke

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	Moved on to resolutions

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Citizen Resolutions

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| 1. | Northern and Central Wisconsin pheasant stocking(100422) | Craig Mulligan |
| DISCUSSION | Craig feels that stocking is being done primarily all in southern Wisconsin. He would like to see a more representative stocking initiative. Taylor Finger(DNR, Wildlife) stated the reason they currently don't stock a lot of pheasants in the central and northwestern part of the state is because their policy is that they don't want to be stocking game farm birds where they still see strong numbers of wild birds in the Western prairies habitat restoration area. Chris Pollentier(DNR, Research Scientist) agreed with Taylor. Taylor stated that they stock 75-80,000 pheasants a year in the southern half. Craig asked if the money spent on a stamp goes for stocking or restoration. Taylor stated that 60% goes for stocking and 40% for habitat restoration. | |
| ACTION | Motion to reject made by Dave Jennings; 2nd by Oscar Mueller; motion carried | |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE | |
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| 2. | Divide turkey hunting Zone 2 into a North and South zone(2N & 2S)(360122) | [PRESENTER] |
| DISCUSSION | Taylor stated that splitting the zones into two isn't going to reflect in any more tags. He stated this seems to add a lot of complexity without a lot of benefit based on the information that they have. | |
| ACTION | Motion to reject made by Mike Wade, 2nd by Dave Pennings; motion carried | |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE | |
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3.	Reduction of turkey population to increase ruffed grouse populations(380522)	[PRESENTER]
DISCUSSION	Taylor stated there is no evidence, scientific evidence or any other that is suggesting that turkey numbers are the reason that ruffed grouse numbers have gone down, likely reflecting a habitat on the landscape.	
ACTION	Motion to reject made by Dave Larson, 2nd by Clarence Koch; motion carried	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

4.	Trapping and shipping ruffed grouse out of state(380722)	[PRESENTER]
DISCUSSION	Taylor stated they are not shipping ruffed grouse to Missouri and wont be in the future.	
ACTION	Motion to reject made by Jeff Winn; 2nd by Nick Kall	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

5.	Pheasant hunting: Orange hat at a minimum required all season(670522)	[PRESENTER]
DISCUSSION	Charles stated he didn't think turkey hunters would be happy having to wear orange during pheasant season. Dave Z stated there would have to be exemptions to this because of other types of hunting(deer-bow, water fowl, etc) during that time. Dave Larson wants to keep this topic on the table and not set it aside because it's very important.	
ACTION	Motion to reject made by Clarence Koch, 2nd by Oscar Mueller; motion carried	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

6.	Reduced daily bag limit for ruffed grouse in Zone A(northern zone)(670622)	Stephen Anderson
DISCUSSION	Stephen feels there is a decline in grouse numbers and habitat and would like bag limit reduced to 3 a day. He voiced some concerns on the ruffed grouse management plan. Taylor and Chris seem to think that the grouse population is stable and changes don't need to be made at this time.	
ACTION	Motion to reject made by Dave Larson, 2nd by Dave Pennings; motion carried	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

7.	Require an annual hunting stamp for grouse(670722)	Stephen Anderson
DISCUSSION	Amy Anderson wrote this resolution with the intent of supporting all grouse management. She states at \$10 per stamp and if about 90,000 hunters purchased it, it would generate about \$1,000,000. Stephen stated there was a survey in the ruffed grouse management plan that 61% of hunters surveyed favored a stamp.	
ACTION	Motion to advance made by Dave Pennings, 2nd Mike Wade; motion carried	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

8.	Shorten the length of the ruffed grouse hunting season in Zone A(northern zone)(670822)	Stephen Anderson
DISCUSSION	Stephen stated the main point proposing this is concern with shooting grouse late in the season can have an impact especially in fragmented habitat which has happened in many states.	
ACTION	Motion to reject made by Dave Jennings, 2nd by Charles Gauger; motion carried	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

9.	Landowner preference for draw tags(690522)	[PRESENTER]
DISCUSSION	Author would like to have landowner preference for land over 50 acres but not all on one parcel.	
ACTION	Motion to reject made by Clarence Koch, 2nd by Charles Gauger; motion carried	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

B. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC] [PRESENTER]

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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

C. Resolutions [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION		
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Dave Larson stated he was disappointed that not many resolution authors spoke. He doesn't want resolution 670522 to slide. Mike Wade stated that he would like our next meeting to be in September or October. Dave Z stated that it was talked about in August and the majority of the members wanted August 19, 2023. He stated if you get into the other two months, it would be cutting into hunting season. Mike also wanted to look into doing the meetings at the Meade center because virtual and in person is set up there. Dave Z stated that he would work more with the blaze orange during pheasant season topic and maybe get a few more people involved.
ACTION	Motion to adjourn made by Charles Gauger, 2nd by Dave Pennings; motion carried

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	8:36 pm
SUBMITTED BY	Roxanne Broullire, Secretary
DATE	10/12/2022