

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Executive Committee

Minutes

Monday, January 2, 2012

7:30 p.m.

1. Organizational Matters

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Chair Rob Bohmann.
- B. Members present: Lee Fahrney, Larry Bonde, Rob Bohmann. Others present: Kari Lee-Zimmermann, WCC Liaison; George Meyer, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, Tim Andryk, DNR Legal Counsel.

2. Discussion:

- A. Review of agenda for Jan. 6, 2012 Executive Council Meeting.

Bohmann stated he received a request from four councilors to add SB-319 to the agenda. The legislation would rescind some provisions of Act 21 as they apply to the WCC.

Bonde: Said he talked to several councilors who opposed the idea of taking a position on the legislation. He expressed his belief that the bill has little chance of passage and suggested that Act 21 will be "tweaked" at some point. Suggested the matter could be addressed under member matters.

Motion by Bonde to not place the issue on the agenda as an action item, second by Fahrney

Discussion: Bohmann expressed concern that if we take a position on this, we could be left out of the discussion on other important matters. He noted of 24 councilors, only four raised concerns and does not believe it warrants consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bohmann honored request by Mr. Meyer to speak to the committee.

Meyer: Expressed belief that there are others who would like to see SB 319 put on the Jan 6 agenda. Also requests that there be an item placed on the Jan. 6 agenda for citizen participation.

Bohmann: Asked Kari for the number of resolution items to be considered.

Kari: Approximately 40.

Bohmann: Reminded the committee that we have to be out of the meeting room by 5:00 p.m.

Bonde: Suggests we have to be concerned with getting our spring hearings issues resolved. Suggests it is more important to get our internal affairs in order.

Bohmann then reviewed items on agenda.

Fahrney: Stated he has received 10-12 calls from resolution writers who may wish to speak

Kari: (In reference to public participation) stated in general the Executive Council does not take public participation as an item on the agenda, except for a few exceptions at the discretion of the chair.

Meyer: Disagreed, stated he recalls executive council meetings when public input has been allowed.

Bohmann: Agreed that exceptions have been made, e.g., an exception was made for an individual who had not been notified of a committee meeting on which he served and wanted to make input.

Fahrney: Suggested public input has been by exception for specific purposes.

Kari: Stated that according to the Code of Procedure public input is required at study committee meetings, but not at executive council meetings.

Bonde: Suggested people can contact us with input.

Fahrney: Suggested going through their executive councilors to make input.

Bonded: Made a motion to not add citizen participation to the agenda. Second by Fahrney. Motion carried unanimously.

Andryk: Said he will speak with representatives from wildlife, fisheries and law enforcement about the need to limit input due to time constraints.

Bohmann: Asked how many resolutions were not in the proper format.

Kari: Stated more than half.

Fahrney: Stated there was a mistake on the legislative committee meeting minutes. Resolution 370211 failed by a vote of 3-7 and should not be included on the agenda. Kari will make the correction.

Kari: Verified Kroll will not be at the Jan. 6 meeting.

Bohmann: Said we will need to discuss matters relating to the stakeholder meeting on Jan 11. The plan is to meet with Kroll for breakfast on that date. Kroll would like to hear our top 3 issues, and what we would like to see done about them. Rob wants to talk with Al Phelan and Mark Noll (big game co-chairs) about pertinent issues.

Kari: Noted that we need to notice the breakfast.

Fahrney: Asked about the World Café for spring hearings.

Bonde: Said Art Lersch UW Extension, Lincoln County, will be at the Jan 6 meeting.

Andryk: Said there are approximately 30 fishery and 20 wildlife advisory questions from DNR for the spring hearings.

Bond: Suggested we ask for input from audience on the Governor's simplification initiative. Said the Town Hall format is to throw out ideas and record them.

Kari: Suggested we need some sort of script for county chairs.

Bonde: Suggested we might need to travel to spring meetings.

Bohmann: Expressed the need for executive councilors to step up and accept responsibility for this.

Andryk: Suggested those with concerns should go through their district councilors.

Kari: Will keep track of time limits at the Jan. 6 meeting. She received a request for an expanded presentation on a resolution but the presenter will be limited on time.

Fahrney: Noted it needs to be on the agenda in order for the council to vote on it.

B. Member matters: None.

C. Motion to adjourn by Fahrney, second Bonde. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Fahrney, Secretary