

Wisconsin Conservation Congress Executive Committee Conference Call

MEETING MINUTES

20 OCT 14

ORDER OF BUSINESS

10/20/14

12:30 p.m.

Conference Call

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Rob Bohmann at 12:30

B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES Bohmann, Bonde, Weiss, Suchla, Meyer

EXCUSED

UNEXCUSED

GUESTS Kari Lee-Zimmermann, Quinn Williams - DNR

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION

ACTION Motion to approve – Bonde, Second by Suchla, Motion carries

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION N/A

ACTION

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION N/A

ACTION

I. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. UPDATE ON 7TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS REGARDING CHIPPEWA NIGHT DEER HUNTING

WILLIAMS

DISCUSSION

Williams - State of Wisconsin petition to prohibit night hunting by tribes overturned by 3 judge panel. Remanded back to Judge Crabb for more info and more evidence. Judge Posner wrote decision based on the passage of time since last visited and the fact that it should be re-opened. High burden on the state to prove night hunting is unsafe. Tribal input already adequate to say that it's safe. Due to appeal

process and the speed at which this will be dealt with, this will not take effect this year. Possibly could mean another trial in the future.

Meyer - believes state will lose appeal based on past history.

Bonde - researched Minnesota situation. Different than ours. Night hunting was part of their original agreement therefore not necessary to litigate. Included provisions that were deemed unacceptable to Wisconsin tribes.

Williams - the way that the 7th Circuit got involved is unusual. That is the issue. Odd for an appellate court to step in shoes of original judge and trial. Wisconsin tribes deem Minnesota agreement too restrictive. Determined case could be re-opened because of time gone by. Could involve other aspects of treaty agreements as to re-litigating parts of the prior agreement.

Bonde - what's to stop tribes from asking for more? (Road hunting at night etc.)

Williams - that is a legitimate risk.

Suchla - how will this affect L.E. Shining is illegal.

Williams - this can affect it. There will likely be L.E challenges. Fairness issue. Confusion on the laws.

Weiss - clarify the "remanding" to Judge Crabb

Williams - explanation how the remanding works. Appeal process. Time line for making appeal has not run out yet. Steps could happen in between

Weiss - when will this all happen. This year?

Williams - depends on appeal process. Possible as early as next year. Impossible to happen in 2014.

Weiss - concern - what land does this affect?

Williams - ceded territory state, Natl. forest, county and all Open MFL properties.

Weiss - concern over shining aspect. Private property.

Williams - would be an issue for state court, not tribal court.

Meyer - concern over people closing MFL land to access because of this. Participation by Indians.

Ability to conduct hunt due to restrictions

Williams - tribes have argued both sides based on what they want to challenge. Safety issue they say not many will participate. Issue of feeding their people they say they will all participate.

Meyer - is it more restrictive than using govt. sharpshooters?

Williams - no.

Bohmann - Crabb has to revisit this- correct?

Williams - yes. Crabb has to review new evidence.

Bohmann - must she do this soon?

Williams- in 1991 Crabb stated that all parties agreed to live with that agreement as the rules of the game. Left it open to re-visit later. Balance of 1991 agreement could be overturned when either party saw fit to re-visit it.

Bohmann - what are potential risks involved if reopening 1991 agreement

Williams - summer hunting, shooting from roads could be re visited. Also walleye issue, management of resource (co-management or cooperative management of resources) treaty rights on private land.

Standard is concerning for re-opening this issue.

Bohmann - appropriate for WCC to send a letter to DNR regarding this issue. Send a letter requesting that DNR appeal this decision of the 7th Circuit Court.

Bonde - makes a motion to write a letter to DNR to oppose 7th Circuit decision.

Weiss - seconds the motion

Bonde - sportsmen are not happy with this. WCC should be supporting this idea of opposing what has happened.

Meyer - motion to appeal is improper. Nothing to appeal right now.

Williams - Dept. of Justice would actually file an appeal.

Meyer - former chair Murphy would have the WCC remain neutral on this. Question to Rob about contacting tribes first to discuss.

Bohmann - on behalf of sportsman we should do this.

Meyer - if we do this we are done with tribes. WCC never got involved in this issue in the past. If we interfere it is a big mistake. I will vote no.

Bonde - claims Steve Oestreicher stated that Murphy was quite adamant that the state try to buy the treaty rights out.

Meyer - he's wrong. That is not true.

Weiss - I think we should oppose what has happened.

Suchla - I think we need to represent the sportsman of this state.

Weiss - to do nothing is a mistake. If we don't represent the sportsman's voice, who will?

Bohmann - the motion is to send a letter and a second.

Meyer - wants a roll call vote

Weiss - Bonde-aye, Weiss-aye, Suchla-aye, Meyer-no, Bohmann-aye.

Motion carries 4-1.

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B. WCC ADMIN HOUSEKEEPING

ZIMMERMANN

	<p>Meyer - did DNR ask you to take that stand we just voted on? Bohmann - absolutely not, this was my idea. Kari - CDAC update: some counties are struggling with membership, minutes etc. we have to look more closely at and address. We need to order more brochures about the WCC. Kari will take care of ordering them. Meyer - are the brochures expensive? Nice idea Kari - not too expensive. Difficult to determine if they are effective but it can't hurt. Bohmann - can't force delegates to participate in CDAC process. Volunteers only. Suggest getting DNR involved with manning committee's etc. if we don't have the manpower. All seem to agree. Bonde - agrees Meyer - delegates not the problem. Public showing little interest. Low participation. Kari - is information getting out there? Are delegates not reading e-mails. Need feedback. Bonde - let's go to District Councilors to light a fire under their counties that are not participating first. Kari - looking at a space to post WCC awards, plaques etc. possible sight at GEF II considered. Bohmann - would like to get out info on nominations for DNR personnel of the year, clubs, educators of the year, HOF etc. soon with deadline of end of January to put in spring "Chronicle". Meyer - to get press release out requesting nominations Kari - will get nominations to executive committee before Feb. conference call. Suchla - assigned to look up past winners of WCC awards in order to recognize on plaques etc. Bonde - contact Mike Reiter (former WCC delegate and trout committee chair) for historical info on past winners.</p>
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C. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC]

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DISCUSSION	
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I. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Suchla - to Kari- will get out questions from legislative committee to you as soon as he can. Kari - has the questions from 4 committees so far, and is still missing from 2 to 3 committees. Weiss - possible to have someone other than WCC delegate to take minutes and be alternate chair? Meyer - shouldn't we approve minutes from past meeting? Also, how about a response to "Move On.org" regarding threats to Laurie Groskopf. Promised a response from us. Bohmann - has 2 calls in to Move On members currently. Also will have to get chair of wolf committee together with Laurie for a meeting of the minds. Bonde - outrage expressed to him from public regarding early closing of wolf season in various zones. Maybe we should get a letter out regarding this to facilitate understanding by the public on what's going on with the wolf population. How we need to work with the NRB as they make the policy. Bohmann - is everyone o.k. With a letter? ALL - response is yes.</p>
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ACTION	Bohmann- meeting adjourned.
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II. **ADJOURNMENT**

MEETING ADJOURNED	01:51:00 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Joe Weiss, Secretary WCC
DATE	10/20/14