

# Wisconsin Conservation Congress Executive Committee Conference Call

1 DECEMBER 14  
MINUTES

ORDER OF BUSINESS

12/01/14

12:30:00 PM

Conference Call

## I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

### A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Rob Bohmann at 12:30

### B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES Rob Bohmann, Larry Bonde, Joe Weiss, Al Suchla, Jayne Meyer, Kari Lee-Zimmermann

EXCUSED

UNEXCUSED

GUESTS Arnold Popp, Lee Fahrney, Dick Krause, Chris Kavelaris, Laurie Groskopf, Ralph Fritsch

### C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION motion to approve- Bonde, second- Suchla

ACTION motion carries

### D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION N/A

ACTION

### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION N/A

ACTION

## I. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

### A. DELEGATE CONCERNS WITH WCC REPRESENTATIVE ON DNR COMMITTEE

BOHMANN

DISCUSSION

Bohmann - ref: letter from Laurie Groskopf concerning wolf committee dated 6 Oct 14. Mike Riggle clearly stated WCC position as 350 wolves. However, the charge for the Dept Wolf Committee was to come up with some other options to take to public hearing. Think "out of the box". Mike directed to do so. Mike offered another option. Laurie's own little group also came up with other options. Riggle not included in those discussions. Riggle supports the 350 option but did not support "added language"

inserted in the question.

Bonde - concerned over contents of Laurie letter. Had discussion with Bob Holzman (UW-St Point Sociology prof) also involved with wolf issue. He said we'd be disappointed if we stood on the 350 number, based on a public survey on wolf issue and perceived support for more wolves. Public opinion and support for the 350 number was not there.

Meyer - heard some things from other people. Questions accuracy of Riggle's statements. Concerns with facts relating to wolf hunting that were presented. Personality conflicts enter into this issue. Extremely passionate arguments made by both sides of wolf issue. Riggle can't be blamed for his actions because he was directed to "think out of the box".

Bohmann - expects delegates sitting on DNR committee's to think out of the box. Does not mean that the WCC position changes. Charge of the committee was to come up with other options to take to public hearing. No one out of 360 delegates has complained about Riggle's actions except three individuals- Laurie, Jane, and a person from Florence County who has since apologized. Laurie has had issues with anyone who has chaired the WCC Wolf committee in the past – Al Brown, Lee Fahrney etc.

Bonde - agrees with the fact that Laurie has had a problem with whoever is chair of that committee. Agrees that delegates should be able to think out of the box, otherwise we could just send along a position paper and avoid sending someone to sit at the table.

Meyer - we must figure out ways to make people be heard. We will have disagreements. We must continue to discuss issues.

Bonde and Bohmann - did not receive any info on the "added language" that Riggle objected to.

Meyer - will forward that info to members of the executive committee. Unsure what it was that Riggle objected to as the info and added language seemed accurate.

Bohmann - Riggle did not object to the 350 number, only the added language.

Bonde - would the executive committee ever change a congress position? Never has before. It would have to be a really good reason.

Bohmann - WCC Wolf committee will meet and come up with a position to submit to executive council for review. We do not have any positions on any other options at this point.

Meyer- whats been done to address delegate harassment concerns?

Bohmann - did make a phone call to Elizabeth Huntley to inform her that Laurie had not made comment attributed to her. Huntley responded by saying she would check her source to see if there was any doubt. So far, petition is still on-line and nothing has been removed. Only Laurie can put out a restraining order to prevent these individuals from attending any future meetings. Rob can not do this.

Meyer - Have you contacted MoveOn.org?

Bohmann - they have not acted on it. Nothing has changed. I expect our delegates to be respectful of the public during our public meetings. Same goes for the public respecting committee members. Best response to those wishing to stir up controversy is no response.

Meyer - there needs to be some sort of punishment for delegate responsible for spreading untruths.

Bohmann - will warn individual first before taking further action. Have a conversation with them.

Meyer- concern that it is not enough. There needs to be some record of what was said for future reference.

Bonde - subject will be brought up in Rules and Resolutions to address.

Weiss - requests language that Riggle objected to. Meyer will forward. Has the 350 number gone out to public hearing as an option?

Bohmann - I'm sure it has

Bonde - grievance process is appropriate for executive committee to discuss

**ACTION**

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

**DEADLINE**

**B. HOUSEKEEPING**

**ZIMMERMAN**

**DISCUSSION**

Kari - still missing a few committee's questions (Outdoor Heritage and Education, Great Lakes, Land Use, Wolf). Minutes are in. looked at minutes to get idea what executive council will be addressing in January. Meeting tomorrow with Rob and Larry along with forestry, YCC, Dane County WCC delegation to discuss options for streamlining spring hearings there. CDAC's plugging along. December meetings set. CDAC training tentatively scheduled for 31 Jan 15 for chairs and alternates. Will include info on spring meetings, quota settings. Include Dept staff. "How goes it" meeting. Improvements to be made in process. NRB meets on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Will include CDAC update by Bob Nack. Convention contracts being worked on. Convention will be at Stoney Creek. Will do food to. Possibly at another location. Still

working on Hospitality room issue.  
 Bohmann - Do we want to let delegates decide if they want breakfast or lunch supplied?  
 Kari - will send out an on-line survey to gauge feelings.  
 Bohmann - complaints about CDAC minutes being edited by the Dept. Only charged to Increase, Decrease, or Maintain the herd. Any other info on options etc. is not in our charge. Not appropriate.  
 Kari - extra comments removed so as not to confuse public on issues and options which may or may not be possible.  
 Bohmann - Can we get Bob Nack to present to executive council in January?  
 Kari - will follow up.

**ACTION**

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

**DEADLINE**

**DISCUSSION**

**ACTION**

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

**DEADLINE**

**I. MEMBERS MATTERS**

**DISCUSSION**

Suchla - questions about access to phone numbers of individuals who come on conference call but do not identify themselves.  
 Weiss - discuss executive committee responsibilities. Ensure that all 5 of us are included in decisions made and positions made from executive committee.  
 Meyer - echoes concern for decisions made by just two people. Strategic plan addressed by expanding decision making to more individuals.  
 Bonde and Bohmann - nothing further.  
 Krause (Guest) - would like to encourage Mike Riggle to have a face to face meeting of the wolf committee vs a conference call.  
 Motion to adjourn by Bonde, second by Weiss. Motion carries

**ACTION**

**II. ADJOURNMENT**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**01:36:00 PM**

**SUBMITTED BY**

**Joe Weiss – Secretary WCC**

**DATE**

**12/01/14**