

# Wisconsin Conservation Congress Wolf Committee Meeting Minutes



<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	Feb 12, 2015	7pm	Conference call
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- **ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**
- **CALL TO ORDER**

<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY</b>	Mike Riggle at 7pm
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- **ROLL CALL**

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Kevin Schanning, , Ron Weber, Laurie Groskopf, Mike Riggle, Ardon Loker, Richard Krawze, Sr., John Quall, Dave West, Myron Leis, Scott McAuley, Steve Ninneman, John Piechowski, Brad Martinson, Mike Rogers, Bret Bauman, Dave McFarland
<b>EXCUSED</b>	Steven Staver, Gary Schenck
<b>UNEXCUSED</b>	James Flanigan, Thomas Savage
<b>GUESTS</b>	Mark Hartver, Scott Zimmermann, Linda Depee, Gloria Klein

- **AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	N/a
<b>ACTION</b>	none

- **REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT**

DISCUSSION	N/A
ACTION	none

• **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

DISCUSSION	Mark Hartver, Talked about the difference between scientific evidence and anecdotal evidence, he believes that scientific evidence is more reliable. Scott Zimmermann, Talked about Fed. Bill HR884 and the senators that are on board
	Linda Depee, From Milwaukee, claimed the min. that when the wolf was delisted the hunters took over. Talked about jobs, Scott Walker, and the NRB justifying the wolf hunt. No science on wolf hunt lead us back to relisting of the wolf, not enough non hunting members on committee.
	Gloria Klein, Relisting was because of extremism on both sides. Complained about who runs the committee, hunters. Talked about change of wolf season start. What we need is more science, In 2013, was a shift in makeup of the committee from science to hunting
ACTION	none

• **INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

• **WOLF RELISTING WHERE WE ARE**

**DAVE MCFARLAND**

DISCUSSION	Dec. 19th the wolf returned to the endanger species list, putting a stop to all management in Wisconsin. Basis for relisting was USFAW interpretation or the endangered species act was inappropriate. Talked about Genetic range and the regulation in Minnesota to allow wolf killed without permits 3 things that could happen <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Appeal by feb17th, a 1 to 2 year process</li> <li>2 Abandon the delist-Start over, 3 year process</li> <li>3 Legislation, would remove the wolf from the endangered species act. 2015 hunting is not likely.</li> </ol>
	DNR wolf management plan will be delayed to be put out to the public. But is continuing to move forward, despite the relisting. Sometime next fall. No Lethal option is allowed for depredation, or hunting No applications will be taken this year for a wolf hunt Questions: Dick Krawze If HR884 passes would there be a season in 2015, probable not There will be no refunds but will retain the preference points. Money is already gone. Mike Riggle: how is this year's wolf count. Population monitoring in full stride. New volunteer training in Florence and Mercer. Increase use of private trackers and contract with wildlife service. Using more dept. field staff with a good group of trackers. Hopefully we will have better coverage, no data as of this time. Bret Bauman: concerned about percent of range. Range is not well defined about the historic range to make this decision to relist. John Quall: Private , public will not be allowed to protect their property from wolves. Only to human life.
ACTION	none
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

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- **HR884**

**MIKE RIGGLE**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Discussed the origin of the bill and the legislators' involved. Had a heckler on the phone and Mike told him to stop.	
<b>ACTION</b>	none	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

- **MEMBERS MATTERS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Richard Krawze: He believes the relisting is an economic disaster to the north with deer and elk herds and land values. We need a management plan in Wi. Been involved since 1987, when 80 wolves was the set amount, way over that now.</p> <p>John Quall: Wis. Needs a good management plan.</p> <p>John Piechowski: Took offence to the public comments and how they could perceive to know what is in his mind.</p> <p>Mike Rogers: We have a big job coming up with the wolf management plan.</p> <p>Mike Riggle: We face a lot of challenges with the wolf management plan but to stay vigilant.</p> <p>Thank you for being part of the meeting. And if anybody has a question contact Dave or myself</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	none

- **ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>7:56 pm</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	<b>Steve Ninneman</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Feb 23, 2015</b>