

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

CDAC Oversight Group

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	4/4/16	7:00 pm	Conference call
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Larry Bonde at 7:00 pm
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Ed Harvey, Tony Grabski, Scott McAuley, Joel Taylor, Larry Bonde
EXCUSED	
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Kevin Wallenfang, Tom Hauge, Arlyn Splitt, Kari Lee-Zimmermann, Rob Bohmann

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	Grabski motion to approve, Taylor second –motion passed

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	Harvey motion to approve, Grabski second –motion passed

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	Arlyn shared that after the CDAC unanimously voted to set a preliminary season of antlerless only, he is receiving many, many calls (at all hours of the day and night), texts, and emails from people commenting on the decision. Some are very upset and not respectful in tone or language. As the CDAC chair, Arlyn is mainly the facilitator of the meeting, but is taking the brunt of the backlash.
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. REVIEW AND ADDRESS CONCERNS WITH DELEGATE CONDUCT, MEETING LEADERSHIP, AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES AT RECENT CDAC MEETINGS BONDE, BOHMANN, WALLENFANG, LEE-ZIMMERMANN

DISCUSSION	There have been concerns/complaints from both the public, DNR staff, and other council members regarding the behavior of the chair and alternate chair in one county because of bickering, not following guidance provided by the department on how to run the meetings, not allowing the alternate to participate, unprofessional behavior, etc. In a second county, there was concern that the chair/alternate were deliberately trying to hold the meeting when council members that held a different position could not attend and were not responding to fellow council members requests that minutes be corrected. There were a few other counties where CDAC chairs or alternates were not letting DNR staff answer questions from the public, citizens are making motions instead of councilors, citizens are allowed to interject during a meeting and it is run very loosely, in one instance a vote was taken via
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	email following the meeting (violating open meetings law), and meetings notes are clear, complete, or even turned in in some cases. The concern is that if the meetings are not well run or the CDAC chair or alternate are creating a dysfunctional environment, the public will not continue to participate, other council members will quit, or citizens will lose confidence in the process.
ACTION	<p>In the county with the most severe issues, the WCC leadership will send a letter to the chair and alternate clearly outlining expectations for their behavior and the chair/alternate will need to respond in writing indicating if they are going to conduct themselves appropriately or not. If not, they will be removed and replaced. Ed Harvey will attend the second meeting</p> <p>In another county with concerns, Chair Bohmann will make contact with the chair/alternate to try to clear up any issues that are occurring. Joel Taylor will attend their next meeting.</p> <p>Kari Lee-Zimmermann will send out an email to all of the CDAC chairs and alternates reminding them of their roles and responsibilities need for good minutes, and clarifying some of the concerns that have been identified.</p> <p>Kevin Wallenfang will provide the CDAC oversight committee with the list of minutes that have not yet been turned in and each member of the oversight committee will call the alternate chairs in their area to discuss the need for timely, complete, and accurate minutes.</p>
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
See above	Before second round of meetings begin

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Rob mentioned that a DNR staffer had misspoke on a radio show regarding CDAC's and asked that it be cleared up. Kevin Wallenfang, Tom Hauge, and Kari Lee-Zimmermann all wanted to emphasize that there are far more CDAC chairs and alternates that are doing a terrific job than there are councils of concern. While it is a difficult job to deal with behavior and conduct, it is important to keep emphasizing the need for good leadership in these councils so that the DNR and WCC are providing a good "product" for the citizens interested in deer management.
ACTION	none

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion by McAuley, second by Harvey –passed 8:30 pm
SUBMITTED BY	Kari Lee-Zimmermann
DATE	04/05/16