

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

District 7

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS			
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Arlen Split and Dale Maas at 7:01 PM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Todd Cook, Harold Drake, Dale Maas, Scott Strook, Scott Zimmermann, Michael Arrowood, Otto Bowe, Robert Haase, James Kramer, Harry Bowie Jr., Paul Gettelman, Mead Grim, Pat Seaman, Larry Gohlke, Douglas Parrott, Fred Wollenberg, Karen Wollenberg, Greg Geurts, David Ninneman, Stephen Ninneman, Matthew Schleis, Douglas Seidl, Scott Bestul, James Binder, John Hedtke, Robert Knorr, Arlyn Splitt, Jim Johnson, Genie Metoyer, John Piechowski, Kurt Reimer, Clarence Koch, Dick Koerner, Douglas Nelson. WCC youth delegate Seth Korb.
EXCUSED	David La Pine, Wight Allen, Michael Pfankuck.
UNEXCUSED	Nancy Katzbeck, Eric Booker.
GUESTS	The following DNR staff were in attendance: Bret Owsley, Jeff Pretzel, Ted Dremel, Jean Rombeck-Bartels, Ellen Barth, Kendall Kamke, Rachel Brooke, Tim Simonson and Laura Stremick-Thompson

C. DELEGATE AND STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

VARIOUS

DISCUSSION	New delegate Karen Wollenberg, Greg Geurtz, and Curt Reimer introduce themselves and said why they are interested in becoming conservation Congress delegates. Department staff introduced themselves..
ACTION	N/A

D. THANK YOU LETTER FROM WCC CHAIR

DALE MAAS

DISCUSSION	Dale read a letter from chairman Larry Bonde thanking District 7 delegates for their donations to the bucket raffle.
ACTION	N/A

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. DNR STAFF UPDATES

VARIOUS

DISCUSSION	Staff from wildlife, fisheries and law enforcement gave a brief overview of what was happening in their particular area of expertise.
ACTION	N/A

DISCUSSION	<p>1. Base communication plan for WCC update. The delegates were informed of the District Leadership Council's approval of the communication plan. The purpose of the plan is to establish a structure for timely and clear communication in order to ensure Wisconsin citizens have a local avenue for input and information exchange. Outreach and public relations committee will be meeting to add additional points of information to delegate resources on the Congress webpage. Please stay tuned for further developments in that area. A reminder was given that this area has a wealth of information and all delegates are encouraged to utilize this resource to answer questions the public may have pertaining to the Congress.</p> <p>2. Youth Conservation Congress Update. Delegates were informed that The Friends of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress was recently awarded a grant to assist the continued development and implementation of this project. All County delegates were reminded to look for interested youth in their community. <i>A suggestion was made that we keep the delegates till possibly age 21 or through college much like the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation is doing with their program. Delegates asked questions about proprietary issues pertaining to delegates including financial resources for meetings and transportation issues. They are concerned that little has been done on this and are hoping for some guidance from the Congress committee.</i></p> <p>3. Advisory committee assignments. A review of every committee that district 7 delegates are assigned to was discussed. The importance of attending these committee meetings was again emphasized. Delegates were told that if for some reason they could not meet make the meeting not only did they need to let the committee chair/secretary aware prior to the meeting but it was also a good idea to contact your County chair and one or both of the District Counselors. Another responsibility of the delegates was to review the minutes of their meeting making sure that not only the attendance but the content of the meeting is correct, if there is a discrepancy you need to contact the committee chair or secretary to clarify whatever actions were taken.</p> <p>4. Advisory Committee Notifications. Delegates were asked how they feel about not getting a hard copy of the agenda in the mail this is a cost savings but there was some question as to whether or not there was a correlation between only getting an email of the agenda and the notification and the recent large number of unexcused absences at some of the committee meetings. <i>A consensus of the delegates showed that all but (4) preferred to have the information emailed. The (4) that wanted hard copy to not have active email addresses. It was also suggested that at the time of filling out the delegates person personal question data sheet that a box be added asking their preference on whether they wanted announcements to be emailed or a hard copy sent.</i></p> <p>5. Advisory Committee Evaluation Forms. Delegates were reminded that they are responsible for completing and advisory committee evaluation form and provide leadership with input and feedback on how well the committee functioned. This is another document that is available on member resources they were also reminded that committee chairs will be filling out a delegate evaluation form grading the individual delegates on the committee. Some of the areas all committees and leadership will be graded on are as follows: delegate preparedness, were the delegates a part of the general discussion, were they respectful to the speakers and if they generally have a positive attitude and were an asset to the committee.</p> <p>6. Delegate Reimbursement Process. All delegates were reminded that \$.40 a mile for 2016 will remain the same. There is a fill able travel voucher online along with reimbursement guidance under delegate resources. It needs to be filled out, printed, signed and mailed to the DNR liaison and that finance needs an actual signature in order to process. Faxes and copies of signatures will not be valid in addition you are responsible to have a W9 and a Star Vendor Form on files which are also available under delegate resources. Counselor Maas mentioned that the Executive Committee was made aware of a concern for those counties receiving compensation from their county government. The Executive Committee just wants delegates to fill out their expenses correctly. Please review any guidance your County may have for those counties that do have the option to claim expenses. As an example the DNR has guidelines on overnight stay; if a person has to travel before 5 AM they offer a room for the night before if you have them meeting that ends let's say it 5:30 in the afternoon it would not be proper to apply for compensation to stay overnight. The counties are fortunate enough to have this option are few ultimately we would like to see all 72 County support their Congress delegates but the worst thing that could happen is if somebody made a mistake on how they applied expense requests that it could cause problems for the entire Congress so please be careful make sure you're doing it correctly.</p> <p>7. Unexcused Absences. As stated before delegates were instructed to make sure committee chairs/secretaries were aware of any problems that they may have in attending a meeting and their responsibility was to notify the chair/secretary prior to the meeting. If for some reason this is not done prior to every effort should be</p>
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	<p>made to contact as soon as possible those individuals. Again notifying County chairs, District counselors along with committee chairs/secretary is an excellent way to communicate.</p> <p>8. Conservation Chronicle. Delegates were asked for their feedback on whether they prefer getting the conservation Chronicle in hard copy or online. Again there is a cost savings to not printing and mailing hardcopies but this is a useful tool to keep delegates informed.</p> <p>All delegates felt that this should be mailed to them many use it as a tool and handed it out to interested people after they were done with it.</p>
ACTION	As stated

IV. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Winnebago County they will be again running a kid stay at critters bar in Winneconne, it's a family event in over 200 youth participate every year along with adults.</p> <p>Dodge County, Harold Drake talked about the learned to hunt pheasant program and his involvement at the Poynette Game Farm friends group.</p> <p>Fond du Lac County, question our relationship with the legislature. Are we a lobby group? What can we do or what should we do? It was explained that we can only speak on behalf of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress on items that we know there is a position taken. Much discussion on this topic and it was felt that either the legislative committee or some other committee should be charged with giving guidance so delegates could better understand how they're supposed to approach the issue.</p> <p>Green Lake County mentioned that Lake Puckaway has one of the largest Lotus Beds in the state and invited anyone that was interested to come over and take a look.</p> <p>Waupaca County, Arlen Splitt took some good-natured kidding from Jim Bender about a coyote that was harvested Arlen gave it right back to Jim about a Fisher pelt he sold.</p>
ACTION	Informational only

V. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	9:08 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Dale C. Maas
DATE	8/3/16

2016 Wisconsin Conservation Congress Fall District Meeting Attendance: D7

County	District	First	Last	Present	Absent	Excused
Dodge	D7	Todd	Cook	✓		
Dodge	D7	Harold	Drake	✓		
Dodge	D7	Dale	Maas	✓		
Dodge	D7	Scott	Strook	✓		
Dodge	D7	Scott	Zimmermann	✓		
Fond du Lac	D7	Michael	Arrowood	✓		
Fond du Lac	D7	Otto	Bowe	✓		
Fond du Lac	D7	Robert	Haase	✓		
Fond du Lac	D7	James	Kramer	✓		
Fond du Lac	D7	David	LaPine			✓
Green Lake	D7	Vacant				
Green Lake	D7	Harry	Bowey, Jr.	✓		
Green Lake	D7	Paul	Gettelman	✓		
Green Lake	D7	Meade	Grim	✓		
Green Lake	D7	Pat	Seaman	✓		
Marquette	D7	Larry	Gohlke	✓		
Marquette	D7	Nancy	Katzbeck		✓	
Marquette	D7	Douglas	Parrott	✓		
Marquette	D7	Fred	Wollenburg	✓		
Marquette	D7	Karen	Wollenburg	✓		
Outagamie	D7	Greg	Geurts	✓		
Outagamie	D7	David	Ninneman	✓		
Outagamie	D7	Steven	Ninneman	✓		
Outagamie	D7	Matthew	Schleis	✓		
Outagamie	D7	Douglas	Seidl	✓		
Waupaca	D7	Scott	Bestul	✓		
Waupaca	D7	James	Binder	✓		
Waupaca	D7	John	Hedtke	✓		
Waupaca	D7	Robert	Knorr	✓		
Waupaca	D7	Arlyn	Splitt	✓		
Waushara	D7	Eric	Booker		✓	
Waushara	D7	Jim	Johnson	✓		
Waushara	D7	Genie	Metoyer	✓		
Waushara	D7	John	Piechowski	✓		
Waushara	D7	Curt	Reimer	✓		
Winnebago	D7	Wright	Allen			✓
Winnebago	D7	Clarence	Koch	✓		
Winnebago	D7	Dick	Koerner	✓		
Winnebago	D7	Douglas	Nelson	✓		
Winnebago	D7	Michael	Pfankuch			✓

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DISTRICT 7 FALL MEETING
 Aug. 2, 2016

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NAME	REPRESENTING
John Piechowski	Waushara Co
DOUG PARROT	MARQ.
Karen Wollenburg	MARQ
FJ WILSON	Marty
JOHN HEDTKE	WAUPACA
JIM BINDER	WAUPACA
Scott Bestal	Waupaca
Seth Korb	Waupaca
BOB KNORR	WAUPACA
Oto Bowe	Fond du Lac
JIM KRAMER	Fond du Lac
Bob Haase	Fond du Lac
MIKE ARROWOOD	FDL
Dary Seidl	Outagamie County
Greg Geurts	Outagamie County
Dave Ninneman	Outagamie County
Steve Ninneman	Outagamie County
SCOTT STROOK	DODGE CO.
Todd Cook	Dodge
Hull Zimmerman	Dodge
Harold Drake	DODGE
CHARLES KOCH	WINNEBAGO
Dik Koerner	winnebago
Jong Nelson	winnebago
Larry Colke	Marquette Co
Aunt Bernie	Waushara
Genie Metayer	Waushara
JIM JOHNSON	WAUSHARA

NAME

REPRESENTING

PAUL GETTELMAN
 HARRY BOWEN JR
 Meade born
 Pat Seaman
 MATTHEW SCHLEIS
 DALE MAAS
 Arlyn Spivey
 Bret Husley
 Jeff Pirtel
 Ted Dremel
 Jean Romback-Bartels
 Ellen Barth
 Kendall K. Kamke
 Rachel Brooks
 Tim SIMONSON
 Laura Stremick-Thompson

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