



- Executive Committee
 District Leadership Council
 Annual Meeting

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Meeting Minutes**

ORDER OF BUSINESS	01/17/2017	1: 30PM	Conference call
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Larry Bonde at	1: 30PM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Bondy, Shook, Maas, Fahrney, Weiss. Liaison Zimmermann.
EXCUSED	
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	

C. Agenda approval and repair

DISCUSSION	There being no additions or deletions to the agenda.
ACTION	There was a motion by shook 2nd by Weiss to approve agenda. Motion carried.

D. N/A

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. January NR Board Item 2. B. 1-Board Order WM-02-16 Bonde

DISCUSSION	Larry suggested that we take as a two part item: A. The question before us is whether or not Shooting Hours versus Hunting Hours as proposed on 2016 questionnaire. At the 2016 state convention the delegates voted to oppose the state wide vote after hearing from law enforcement what would happen with some of the problems they encounter. After discussion there was a motion by Maas 2nd by Shook to support the convention action. Motion carried. B. The 2nd part of the question on the 2016 questionnaire having to do with overnight placements of stands North of Highway 64 was a 3 question option. The 1st two options were defeated state wide and the 3rd option asked about a sunset clause on either option one or two. At the state convention the delegates stated that people were confused on how to answer this question most of the people didn't want overnight placement of stands and since they didn't know how the vote would turn out they voted for the sunset clause. The discussion was to request Larry take this information to the NRB and asked them to reconsider the departments position and possibly added to the 2017 questionnaire allowing citizens the opportunity to vote that they do not like this proposal at all. Motion by shook 2nd by Maas to advance this position. Motion carried.	
ACTION	See above.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. January NR Board item 2. B. 8-Request to reconsider land sale items Bonde

DISCUSSION	Larry explained this NRB board action, after further discussion it was decided that this would be an informational item had we would take no further action.	
ACTION	No action taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

C. January NR Board item 2. B. 9-Bluemound Master Plan Amendment Bonde

DISCUSSION	This NRB board action centers around a 1.4 mile addition of a snowmobile trail within the plan. The committee discussed the issues but has not received any input from the involved parties. The committee felt that it would be inappropriate to take a position at this time	
ACTION	No action taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

Conservation Congress administrative housekeeping (no action will be

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D. taken)

DISCUSSION	<p>Larry felt it was important to get a communication out concerning one of the legislators proposing splitting the Department of Natural Resources. The Congress has a position from previous attempts (to not agree with dividing the department). He also mentioned that the new restructuring should be given time and opportunity. The committee agreed and instructed Larry to write a letter to all delegates.</p> <p>Also Larry mentioned that the 2017 convention will be in Oshkosh and that we have been rotating districts to host the hospitality room. Oshkosh is in the heart of District 7 and it just so happens that their next in rotation. Dale said that he would work with the district getting the needed materials together Kari has a list of what is normally provided.</p>	
ACTION	Informational only no action taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Dale asked Larry if it was appropriate when he addresses the NRB Board to let them know his concerns on the work On the Horicon Marsh plan. The issue being it's been 25 years since there was a review and the end result of forward thinking did not offer any options for additional land; in fact that was within 2 acres of what the old plan has. The Dodge County delegates understand the issue about adding more property not being a good idea if you have inadequate funding to maintain it but they still feel it is a bit shortsighted. They were told that the next review would be in 15 years and if something exceptional was needed that they could go back for a modification request to the board earlier. At the local review meetings staff was unable to answer these questions adequately.</p> <p>Lee questioned the press releases in conjunction with CDAC meetings, he would like to see some type of accountability (by county) in managing these announcements. Questions were asked about how many press releases are issued versus the number that actually are given to the public via radio, news paper or other media. We can send out as many announcements we want but there's no way of forcing the media to publish them.</p> <p>Joe asked what happened to the CDAC voting results on CWD committee questions. Larry said that once all the CDAC results are turned in they will be posted. He also mentioned that he's going to have a History Committee conference call yet this month. There were positive comments on the scrapbook he had at the District Leadership Council meeting. He is also looking for more news items and pictures from around the state and can use any help the delegates could offer, currently most of the items he gets are from the</p>
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	<p>Wisconsin Outdoor News publication.</p> <p>Al commented that the Waukesha County CDAC meeting had a pretty good turnout even though the weather didn't cooperate, it took about 1 1/2 hours to go through the questions and the agenda. He also talked about NRB board meeting that he attended in Black River Falls at which time they had an opportunity to look at the Jackson County elk herd and had a presentation by a tribal leader about the importance of wild game at their traditional ceremonies. He said that after hearing that it put a little different spin on some of the things that of been going on and suggested the possibly of inviting somebody to present a similar presentation at our next state convention.</p> <p>Kari had nothing to add.</p> <p>Larry had nothing to add.</p>
ACTION	Motion by Shook 2nd by Fahrney to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	2: 40PM
SUBMITTED BY	Dale C. Maas
DATE	01/18/2017