

# Wisconsin Conservation Congress

## District 6 Fall Meeting

### Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	8-7-2017	7:00 PM	Sandhill Wildlife Refuge
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#### I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

##### A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Stan Brownell at 7 PM
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##### B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Bryce Luchterhand, Pete Hellios, Alan Balliett, Eugene Tom Muensch, Roger Greenwood, Maurice Amundson, Wayne Schmidt, Allen Jacobson, Mike Nicholson, Jeffry Giese, Ronald Church, Tyrone Larson, Pete Theissen, Marlin Laidlaw, Mike Hayes, Bob Nicksic, Jody Bigalke, Jeff Johnson, Joe Stuchlak, Adam Liebersbach, Scott Pitta, Stan Brownell, Jeff Kelm, Tara Rueth.
EXCUSED	John Jones, Jim Johnson Jr., Chris Underwood, Jerry Hemerly, Jim Winkler, Scott McAuley, Jason Wood,.
UNEXCUSED	Don Wyeth, Patrick LaBarbera, Butch Roberts.
GUESTS	Ellen Schmidt, Korey Trowbridge, Scott Roepke, Bob Hujik.

##### C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	None

##### D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	None

##### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	None

#### II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

##### A. FISHERIES REPORT

**BOB HUJIK**

DISCUSSION	Staffing for fisheries has improved as of late filling 26 positions throughout. There is currently one position open in Marathon County but other than that staffing for is under control at least in our area. There was an update regarding the Walleye Initiative, including fish hatcheries, tribal hatcheries, and tribal declarations were also discussed. There were between 750,000 to 780,000 walleyes stocked this year all between 6 to 8 inches. Stock is being scrutinized for genetics, VHS, and the possibility of allowing the private sector to hatch the eggs from and return them back to DNR for stocking. Testing for VHS, costs the department \$1000 making it financially unable to have the Private sector from supplying the DNR with an over abundance of fish.
ACTION	None

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A	none

### B. WILDLIFE REPORT

**SCOTT ROEPKE**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Wildlife went over current staffing and relayed that there are a number of positions unfilled. Presently staff may be filling in, in different areas to fill this situation. the hope is to have all these positions filled within the next year. The CDAC committees are currently being filled for the next 3 year period so if you know someone that is willing to work on this committee please have them fill out an application. Counties have generally 1-4 vacancies to be filled. Qualified applicants are sometimes hard to find. Many people just do not have the qualifications set out by the DNR to fill these empty positions. The Elk Reintroduction Project is going well and the calf season is doing very well. SB 68 has changed the ability to bait in some counties. The ban on baiting has been lifted in 15 counties with the possibility of another 20 counties for next year. The current situation regarding the wolf lawsuit has been upheld by the higher court so the only recourse at this time is to change the current language in the existing ESA. Testing for CWD is still currently being done where ever possible and the cost has significantly decreased. The current testing is done with a Rectal Biopsy method. The test results are complete in 7-10 days and are 70% accurate. False positives are sometimes possible but they are again retested to insure that the results are correct. There has never been a confirmed case of CWD being transferred to humans.	
<b>ACTION</b>	none	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/A	none	

### C. LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

**KOREY TROWBRIDGE**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The new requirements for carcass tags has been defined and instructions have been explained to those attending the meeting. Currently LE staffing is being done but the majority of applicants do not qualify for the job. At present there are over 600 application and only 20 meet minimum qualifications. WCC members will be helping to interview the applicants. Due to the changes in staffing many of the Wardens have had to get extra training in Park rules and regulations. Open Field Doctrine which is used for DNR LE, was explained by Warden Trowbridge. Due to the changing of staffing sometimes it may take a little longer to get someone there from DNR LE. Drones were discussed and the application of how DNR would use them.	
<b>ACTION</b>	none	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/A	none	

### III. MEMBERS MATTERS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Committee leadership was discussed with regard to Roberts Rules of Order and the effect it would have on the passing and rejecting of resolutions and questions. Committee attendance was discussed and how it would be policed and who would take care of those situations. County delegates should at least call their county chairs to let them know they will not be at required meetings. A discussion was held with regard to changing the structure of the Annual Meeting. Spring Hearings and their effect was discussed along with the value of that meeting. The procedure to include delegate input and how their position should be handled. Electronic voting at the Spring Hearings was discussed and what the position of our district would be. One concern is how information and misinformation is distributed.	
<b>ACTION</b>	none	

### IV. ADJOURNMENT

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>9:45</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	<b>Al Lobner, District 6 councilor</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>8-7-2017</b>

COUNTY	DISTRICT	POSITION	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	PRESENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
ADAMS	D6	Delegate	Wayne	Schmidt	X		
ADAMS	D6	Delegate	Joe	Stuchlak	X		
ADAMS	D6	Delegate	Butch	Roberts			X
ADAMS	D6	Vice Chair	Scott	Pitta	X		
ADAMS	D6	Chair	John	Jones		X	
CLARK	D6	Vice Chair	Michael	Hayes	X		
CLARK	D6	Delegate	Don	Wyeth			X
CLARK	D6	Delegate	Bryce	Luchterhand	X		
CLARK	D6	Delegate	Tara	Rueth	X		
CLARK	D6	Chair	Peter	Hellios	X		
JACKSON	D6	Delegate	Patrick	LaBarbera			X
JACKSON	D6	Delegate	Jim	Johnson, Jr.		X	
JACKSON	D6	Delegate	Jason	Wood		X	
JACKSON	D6	Chair	Allen	Jacobson	X		
JACKSON	D6	Vice Chair	Christopher	Underwood		X	
JUNEAU	D6	Delegate	JODY	BIGALKE	X		
JUNEAU	D6	Delegate	Jeff	Johnson	X		
JUNEAU	D6	Delegate	Adam	Liebersbach	X		
JUNEAU	D6	Vice Chair	Jerry	Hemerly		X	
JUNEAU	D6	Chair	Robert	Nicksic	X		
MONROE	D6	Delegate	Roger	Greenwood	X		
MONROE	D6	Delegate	Eugene Tom	Muench	X		
MONROE	D6	Delegate	Alan	Balliett	X		
MONROE	D6	Vice Chair	Stan	Brownell	X		
MONROE	D6	Chair	Maurice	Amundson	X		
PORTAGE	D6	Delegate	Peter	Theisen	X		
PORTAGE	D6	Delegate	Mike	Nicholson	X		
PORTAGE	D6	Delegate	Jeffry	Giese	X		
PORTAGE	D6	Chair	Tyrone	Larson	X		
PORTAGE	D6	Vice Chair	Ronald	Church	X		
WOOD	D6	Delegate	Marlin	Laidlaw	X		
WOOD	D6	Delegate	Jeff	Kelm	X		
WOOD	D6	Vice Chair	Al	Lobner	X		
WOOD	D6	Delegate	James	Winkler		X	
WOOD	D6	Chair	Scott	McAuley		X	