



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Wolf Committee
 Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes
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ORDER OF BUSINESS	12/08/2018	1:00p.m.	Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Center
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Bill Yingst at 1:00p.m.
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Guy McFarren, Kevin Schaning, Jack Christenson, Mathew Lallemond, Micheal Lane, Richard Krawze, Arden Loker, Mike Hurlburt, Bill Yingst, Jeffery Giese, Scott McAuley, Steven Ninneman, Randy Connour, Paul Witalison, Steven Staver, Micheal Rodgers, Lowell Wright, Davis Lois
EXCUSED	John Piechowski-Waushara
UNEXCUSED	Jerald Huston-Barron
GUESTS	Laurie Groskoff, Jeremy Parish, Jennifer Garde, Connie Connord, Dan Michels, Zach Zulegery, Rick Seliger, Kevin Gansturd, Glenn Stauffer, Al Lobner, Jamie Shomach, Andy Nowinsky, Kyle Miller, Kelsie Boether, Dave Miller, Keith Murray, Erik Schyuinck, Tom Tiffany

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	Motion to approve Richard Krawze, second Steve Staver--Passed Unanimously

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Chair Yingst read the Mission statement
ACTION	Motion to approve Mike Rodgers, second Randy Connour--Passed Unanimously

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	Laurie Groskopf-- Representing self wide ranging comments; Jeremy Parish-Representing Wolf Patrol-Wants to revisit wolf management; plan; Erik Schyvinsk Representing self (did not sign up in advance) wants to restore greater predator prey relationships in the state;
ACTION	None

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

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A.

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1.	Citizen Resolution 410918	Presented by Committee Chair Bill Yingst
	DISCUSSION	Jamie Thomack-spoke to keep hound hunting legal; Kyle Miller keep hound hunting; Dave Miller opposed to resolution: Andy Nowinski opposed to resolution; Chelsey Boettcher also opposed; Keith Murphy also opposed to resolution. Committee- Jack Christenson -how many wolves have been harvested with the aide of hounds? : Michael Lane-took 33 wolves with the aid of dogs in the last legal hunting season-keep hound hunting in the tool box; Steve Ninneman--What are the rules concerning the number of times a resolution comes up before it has to get passed on?; Mike Lane-does person have to be here to represent their resolution? Answer no. Randy Connour there is a lot in this resolution to consider, Richard Krawze-inaccurate information in resolution
	ACTION	Motion to reject Steve Ninneman, second Mike Lane -- Motion passes 17-1
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Chair Bill Yingst	??

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2.	Reconvene	[PRESENTER]
	DISCUSSION	
	ACTION	WCC Wolf Committee requests that the DNR Wolf Advisory Committee meet begin meeting again. Passed Unanimously
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

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3.	Staff Updates	Scott Walter
DISCUSSION	-Explained Federal and USFW progress on delisting efforts. -The updated 2017/2018 minimum wolf population count is 905 wolves in 238 packs -Explained Zone specific population trends -Explained Distribution of wolf packs -Explained Wolf depredation statistics -Explained WDNR Wolf Advisory Committee	
ACTION		
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4.	Staff Update	Nathan Roberts
DISCUSSION	Working on an alternative to Winter Tracking to come up with a population estimate. -Mathematical model -Uses grid work of tracked sections -95% confidence interval in modeled minimum population numbers. -This model estimates an over-winter minimum count of 1,027.	
ACTION		
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B.	[DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC]	[PRESENTER]
DISCUSSION		
ACTION	The WCC Wolf Committee requests that the DNR Wolf Advisory Committee meets in the first quarter of 2019 to works towards finalizing the 10 year Wisconsin Wolf Management-Plan. Randy Connour motion Arden Loker seconded- Passed Unanimously	
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Chair Bill Yingst		?

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C.	[DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC]	[PRESENTER]
DISCUSSION	Legislative Updates Chair Asked Senator Tiffany and Representative Duffy to attend-No one from Duffy's office was present.	
ACTION	Turned over the floor to Senator Tiffany for comments (updated M.L./B.Y. Jan 4)	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

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D. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC]

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DISCUSSION		
ACTION	Motion to adjourn by Richard Krawze, Second by Lowell Wright -Passed Unanimously	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Bill-Call representative, Matt-survey asking about impact of wolves is needed, Paul-Minimum count, Lowell Wright-US Fish and Wildlife should let us manage, Richard Krawze-Wolves are having an impact in Forest County-Property values down, deer in town not in woods, people moving to town out of fear of wolves, and people taking matters into their own hands, Mike Lane-data doesn't represent impact of wolves on hunting, loosing places to hunt coyotes with his dogs. Jeffery Giese, please study wolves in zone 6. Mike Riggle wants better wolf count. Kevin Schanning-reminded members that Senator Johnson's party is in the majority in the Senate and we must work to convince him to get a de-listing bill going there.
ACTION	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	3:07
SUBMITTED BY	Kevin Schanning
DATE	12/11/2018