



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
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 Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes
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ORDER OF BUSINESS	03/14/2019	1900	Rolling Oaks-Barron, WI
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS
A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Dave Larson at 1905
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Mike Britton, David Louis, Hunter Denison, Wayne Norling, Mike Whiteside, Jim Morning, Al Brown, Jack Christenson, Curt Loew, Don Dukershein, Eric Wojchik, Jacob Macholl, Joel Taylor, Roger Roehl, Dick Stream, Dave Larson, Claude Bovi, Brad Hopp, Jeremy Sarauer
EXCUSED	Scott Stubbs, Dave Ferris, Mike Giles, Jacob Anderson, Michael Kelby, Rae Ann Pyfferoen, Dan Vacho, Duane Butler
UNEXCUSED	Jerald Huston
GUESTS	Morgan Kramschster, Ray Hanson, James Yach, Aaron Cole, Mike Melgar, Kevin Morgan

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Secretaries Director James Yach

DISCUSSION	Discussed the Administration change and Preston Cole's confirmation. Indicated the Secretary Cole wanted to expand the relationship with WCC, especially YCC. Investing in science, Year of clean drinking water, and focus on wildlife, water and recreation. Priorities are clean drinking water, re-authorizing the stewardship fund, CWD, and effects of spreading manure. Wayne Norling brought up the fact that the Governor didn't put any money in the budget for CWD. Yach responded they were going to wait for the science to come to them. Lengthy discussion from delegates about how it seemed like leadership keeps talking about CWD but nothing is getting done.	
ACTION	None.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. Fisheries Aaron Cole

DISCUSSION	New fisheries tech in Barron. Department is hiring biologist positions throughout the state. No sign on diminished oxygen levels in lakes from winter so far.	
ACTION	None.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

C. Law Enforcement

Mike Melgar

DISCUSSION	LE model is being re-designed yet again and will reinstate credentialed park rangers. 15 wardens hired in 2018. 5 more will be graduating in spring and be placed later this year. Bureau is updating the strategic plan.	
ACTION	None.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

D. Wildlife

Jess Carstens, Kevin Morgan

DISCUSSION	Wildlife has been able to fill a lot of their vacancies statewide. Strategic alignment is in process. Discussed the idea of adjusting the crossbow season after the NRB requested a scope statement. That will be done by August. Reviewed the elk hunt and the fact that they are re-writing the elk management plan. Reviewed the grouse capture/translocation for MO as well as the West Nile Virus testing. WSI after February is 42 which is mild. Also reviewed the bear genetics study which is under way.	
ACTION	None.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

E. Spring hearing questions.

Joel Taylor, Dave Larson

DISCUSSION	Reviewed all the questions and clarified any questions.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	None.	
ACTION		

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	2100
SUBMITTED BY	Joel Taylor
DATE	03/19/2019