



Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
 District 4 Fall Meeting  
 Meeting Minutes

**WCC Meeting Minutes**  
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<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	08/06/2019	7:10pm	Antigo, WI
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**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by	Dale Ebert at	7:10pm
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**B. ROLL CALL**

ATTENDEES	20
EXCUSED	7
UNEXCUSED	4
GUESTS	DNR Personnel: Chuck McCullogh, Wildlife: Bryan Harrenstein, Law Enforcement: Jean Romback-Bartles, Administration.

**C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR**

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	None

**D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT**

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	

**II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

**A. DNR Law Enforcement.**

Bryan Harrenstein, Warden

DISCUSSION	2 retirees and deputy chief retiring resulting in quite a bit turnovers. Several vacancies in the North, Rhinelander vacancy, Langlade County Vacancy, Lakewood will be filled. Environment Enforcement staff being added to taking work off our wardens. New team UAS (unmanned aerial support) drone operators. Peer support team being developed if crisis develops ex: shooting. Have Chaplains now on staff. Recruit class starting in October, looking to hire about 11, for recreation full time coverage. No deployments this year to other properties. Wildlife investigations in the north this year. New radios being introduced for communication with other agencies in the state. Storm damage incident command here in Langlade county working with state patrol with theft and other issues. No fatalities in Langlade County. Marked squads and trucks will be introduced. License sales scams going on, be care full where you buy on line. Fake on line sites. Go to DNR home page or service center to purchase. Staffing levels are steady - looking to fill Antigo, Rhinelander posts.	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**B. Wildlife Department, Antigo**

Chuck McCullogh

DISCUSSION	Storm Update: Map submitted showing location of storm - hundreds of thousand acres of forest land in Langlade and Oconto Counties. Couple of hundred of thousand acres of private land also. Millions of dollars of property damage to vacation spots. DNR helping with opening up roads. Aiding and helping people stranded in the woods with water and what ever needed. Burning and chipping going on - Issues of some scam artist's getting paid and not doing the work on clean up. Still waiting for results from grouse testing from last year - more testing this fall. Some sick birds tested last year, with Price county having west nile virus. CWD testing will be occuring across northern Wisconsin with
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	<p>target of 300 samples this year and next year from every county. Will have kiosks for testing. 3 positive's on the ground between Rhineland and Tomahawk as of the end of last years season all within 2 mile area, with rest of found on game farms. Will do basic across the county's testing. New supervisor Marc Kenyon in Antigo. New bear plan approved, with new zones in plan to go into effect until 2021, with changes to D and A section western side of state. Would like a dumpster in every county for CWD testing but don't believe that will happen and no rule changes to testing.</p> <p>Bear baiters will have an issue this year because of the storm damage, with problems getting into their hunting areas. May have an impact of overall harvest because of the damage. May have an issue with wild fires in the future because of the downed timber. Just finished, this spring, bear snare survey, using barb wire to capture hair from bears as they crossed over barbed wire fence to get a good estimate of population in each zone.</p> <p>Agriculture damage permits are always issued to farmers. Radio collars being put on captured wolves.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	none taken	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**C. Administration Governors office.**

Jean Romback-Bartels

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Budget from Governors office favorable for two years with commitment to review in 2 years with revision to look at in two years. Blue ribbon task force being formed to plan for maintenance of properties. More CWD research monies.</p> <p>Still trying to place CWD dumpster across the state. Clean drinking water priorities and well compensation programs. Looking for contaminates like nitrogen, bacteria, etc: New deputy secretary in bureau, Beth Bier . Will be a CWD collaborative meeting was in Madison end of July - Biologist from 11 mid western states and tribal members going over latest data. Kiosk can be used 24 hours a day. Landfill issues, hard to find owners who will take the waste. Update state rules on effect of manure to ground water and surface water. Four positions from DNR environmental programs into the CAPO program to continue inspections and spills that are still happening impacting human health and water conditions. Prions cannot be killed by fire. - Chemicals only.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	none	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**D. Congress updates:**

Dale Ebert

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Ruffed Grouse management plan meeting to be held in Rhineland August 22, DNR center, 7PM.</p> <p>Guidance for the upcoming committee meeting's - important to notify if you can make meeting 5 days before meeting. May be dismissed from committee if you miss it without permission. Read up on the agenda before meeting. Keep meeting civil.</p> <p>Committee assignments covered. No changes.</p> <p>Open committee with no one assigned or stepped forward.</p> <p>No more than 2 committees to serve on.</p> <p>Need one delegate to the Outreach and Public Relations committee.</p> <p>Fur Harvest, Shooting Sports, Strategic Planning, Rules and Resolutions, On Line Voting Committee, re: on line voting for the spring hearings is looking for people.</p> <p>Care full not to get on committee meetings on same day.</p> <p>Get word out on who we are and what the WCC does - there is a video presentation on the web page to be shared with the public, clubs or whom ever.</p> <p>Additional \$100,000 toward further CWD research program deleted by Governor with support from WCC.</p> <p>Outreach Education - Touch of the Wild trailers available to be taken out to the public.</p> <p>Conservation Congress pamphlets being sent out to all delegates with information of Outreach Committee.</p> <p>Fisheries was unable to make the meeting, however will send over updates from biologists Dave Seibel, Jason Breeggemann, Greg Matzke, Chip Long &amp; Tammie Paoli, Steve Hogler and Mile Donofrio. Will include their report with this meeting minutes.</p>	
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<b>ACTION</b>	None taken	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**E. Resolutions**

Dale Ebert

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>1. Motor Trolling - limit to one hook person. two maximum per boat on Crane Lake in Forest county.</p> <p>2. Add Forest County to list of counties for trolling that only allows one hook per angler except on specified waters.</p> <p>3. Remove underwater spearfishing ban in Forest County even though it was never legal, it was never enforced.</p> <p>4. Return Milwaukee County to district 12, denied. Will remain in district 11.</p> <p>5. CWD recommend all parties to work together to find possible solutions to CWD as well as assuring additional funding for research to find additional science based solutions to CWD.</p> <p>6. Oconto county rules for group bagging elimination. Only person with tag to fill tag.</p> <p>7. Shawano county passed 16 day deer hunting season starting Saturday nearest November 15th.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	None taken	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Question on mileage reimbursement - Federal is \$.50.8 - State if \$.40 mile - just wondering why we are not the same as federal. Our mileage fund comes from Fish and Game license. Mileage set in state budget. No changes for many years.</p> <p>YCC have about a dozen at this point - promote more.</p> <p>Duane Beyer Shawano county: More tools for Shawano county CDAC to better manage deer herds in the county.</p> <p>Ronn Krueger: Operation deer watch form. How many deer seen, where, sex, fawns. Fill out form for the month of August and return to DNR.</p> <p>If bring back earn a buck - bring back early October hunt.</p> <p>Camp Reasonable Draw to teach bow hunting - referred to bow hunting safety on steroids.</p> <p>Dick Krawze: Urged all to call their State Representative to work on de-listing the Wolf off the Federal protected list.</p> <p>Jean: New Tribal warden Mia Pyawasit.</p> <p>Unknown: Schedule meeting dates should be rechecked as Upland Committee is scheduled Labor Day weekend.</p> <p>Bob Ellingson: Research on Hall farm - putting deer carcass in dumpster with soil, cover up and collect with rain water, etc; how many prions show up and how long to go away, with a 2 year study.</p> <p>DNR: Drawings held for Elk Hunt.</p> <p>Members: trying to have date set for meetings continues to be an issue to find one that all members agree on.</p> <p>Ronn: Meeting for Environment set last year at the meeting for this year. Everyone knew the date right before we left that day.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	None taken	

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>Motion by Bob Bohardt, 2nd by Arlen Heistad to adjourn at 8:30pm</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	<b>Ronn Krueger Sr.</b>

DATE	08/19/2019 / Revised 8/24/19 rev
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✓ = Here Ex = Excused unex = unexcused

2019 WCC Fall District Meeting Attendance				
District	County	First	Last	Attended
D4	Florence	Dale	Ebert	✓
D4	Florence	Pete	Doperalski	Ex
D4	Florence	Roxanne	Broullire	✓
D4	Florence	Stu	Boren	✓
D4	Florence	Arden	Loker	✓
D4	Florence	Bailey	Broullire	Ex.
D4	Forest	Gregory	Hoffman	- unex.
D4	Forest	Richard	Krawze	✓
D4	Forest	James	Engebretson	✓
D4	Forest	Don	LeMaster	- unex.
D4	Forest	Michael	Kautz	✓
D4	Langlade	Jim	Young	✓
D4	Langlade	Ronald	Krueger	✓
D4	Langlade	Kieran	Kramer	Ex
D4	Langlade	Arlen	Heistad	✓
D4	Langlade	Vacant		
D4	Marinette	Vacant		
D4	Marinette	Vacant		
D4	Marinette	Thomas	Johnston	Ex
D4	Marinette	Michael	Gotstein	✓
D4	Marinette	Daniel	Beauchamp	✓
D4	Menominee	Vacant		
D4	Menominee	George	Korn	- unex.
D4	Menominee	Richard	Moses jr	Ex
D4	Menominee	Vacant		
D4	Menominee	Lisa	Wilson	✓
D4	Oconto	Ralph	Fritsch	Ex
D4	Oconto	Wade	Jeske	Ex
D4	Oconto	Lowell	Suring	✓
D4	Oconto	Richard	Clark	✓
D4	Oconto	Bob	Ellingson	✓
D4	Shawano	Bob	Bohardt	✓
D4	Shawano	Andrew	Heinz	✓
D4	Shawano	Duane	Beyer	✓
D4	Shawano	Mark	Conradt	✓

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D4	Shawano	Brian	Heins	EX