



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 District 8
 Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS	08/05/2019	7:00	Lakeshore Technical College
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Larry Bonde at 7:05
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Cassandra Erickson, Thomas Berg, Robert Wilberschied, Mike Burkart, Gary Reidy, Andy Gieger, Keith Propson, Dick Baudhuin, Thomas Savage, David Tupa, Michael Grimm, Don Anderson, Vanessa Brotske, Brad Martinson, Dan Cichantek, Larry Bonde, Tom Christman, James Wierzba, Ed Harvey, Scott Plocar, Bill Lorenz, Brett Weir, Tashina Peplinski, Bernard Newman, John Edelblute, Charles Dreher
EXCUSED	Paul Witalison, Peter Mueller, Ronald Fassbender, Dale Detemple, Reed Kabelowsky, Steve Klock, Michael Hranicka
UNEXCUSED	Erich Mayer, Randy Connor, Dillon Floor, Cody Lukes, Dr Leroy Momper, Christopher Wegner, Hunter Bault,
GUESTS	Addie Dutton - Fisheries, Jeff Pretzl - Wildlife Biologist, Juan Gomez - Law Enforcement, Jean Rombeck Bartels - Secretary's Director. Also, we had a member of the public, Bruce Krueger

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Agenda approved
ACTION	Agenda approved

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	N/A
ACTION	N/a

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Law Enforcement Update

Jaun Gomez

DISCUSSION	Jaun gave the following updates, Vacancies will be filled by 2020 and some will be property specific like, Sheboygan County's Kohler-Andrae State Park and Fond du Lac County's Kettle Moraine State Forest, Northern Unit. There will be leadership changes in the next year or two. A Drone Team will be implemented. A "Peer Support Team" has been established to handle personal issues and critical issues within the LE department. And in some critical cases a Chaplin will be provided. Some LE's will be trained to handle fire investigations. Recreational Property Rangers will be tramed up with Warden LE's	
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B. Wildlife Update

Jeff Pretzl

DISCUSSION	Currently there are no staff updates or changes. Grouse and Waterfowl Management is open for public comment and is available on the DNR Website. There will be a 9 day Teal Season
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	<p>Duck Season will open on the same day statewide Refuge and Closed Area Properties will be reviewed and once reviewed, the department will make the policies more consistent statewide. Refuge Property(s) management is currently open for public opinion. Wolf delisting, USFWS announced the new delisting process back on March 15. Public comment period was extended through July 15 and is now closed. USFWS now has until next March 15 to publish a new rule on wolf status.</p> <p>Bear Zone C, no dogs will be allowed. CWD, currently there is no specific or targeted area within District 8 CWD, dumpsters and Kiosks could be paid for by any funding source like a Conservation Group or Hunting Club. CWD, when a citizen brings in a deer head for sampling (a harvested deer) at a DNR office. The citizen will receive a Medallion Number, which can be used on the WDNR website and track the progress of the sampling. The medallion with a sample number is issued when a deer is shot, so that they can check on the results and process/eat the meat, dispose of carcass, what have you.</p>	
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C. Secretary's Director.

Jean Rombeck Bartels

DISCUSSION	<p>1. Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewardship was renewed for 2 years with a commitment to look at any needed revisions for the next biennial budget. Gov Evers will convene a blue ribbon task force to plan Stewardship reauthorization for beyond 2022. • Budget had a focus on science with an emphasis on clean drinking water. • PR and DJ funds are strong again this year and we continue to look to partners for advancing habitat work across the state. • \$100,000 additional CWD research funding to be directed by DNR (not new money, but a reallocation within DNR to focus our research effort in this area). <p>2. Elizabeth Kluesner has left DNR (excellent career opportunity for her husband in MN) and so Beth Bier has come back to DNR to serve as our Deputy Secretary.</p> <p>3. We are working with DATCP, DHS, and others to propose solution for persistent and emerging contaminants in drinking water. Gov's budget provides for the hiring of two research scientists specializing in PFAS and \$200,000 from the environmental fund to address this and other emerging contaminants.</p> <p>4. The department hosted the CWD Collaboration Meeting July 24-25 in Madison where wildlife biologists from 11 midwestern states and tribes focused on the latest data available on CWD and how it is affecting each states' wild deer herds. Disease management strategies were discussed as well as collaboration opportunities.</p> <p>5. Sampling stations, dumpsters, and self-serve kiosks continue to be tools of interest for across WI and we continue to work on ways to adequately provide these tools/resources.</p> <p>6. We are working with DATCP and affected stakeholders to update state rules relating to the spreading of manure and potential impacts to groundwater and surface waters. The budget reallocates four positions from other environmental programs to the CAFO program to increase inspections, improve responses to spills, and better streamline permitting.</p>	
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D. Fisheries

Addie Dottun

DISCUSSION	<p>Great Lakes Staff will realign with the Milwaukee Office. Aaron Schiller was hired as a Fisheries Biologist, Great Lakes out of the Milwaukee Office. Winnebago Sturgeon Habitat Biologist position will be employed by the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. No Eat Zone, will be implemented at the Kiel Dam in Kiel and Woolen Mill Dam in West Bend because of contaminants the water. Fall Walleye Stocking in Big Cedar Lake, Friess Lake, Druid, Wolf, Crystal, Big Elkhart, Silver Lake. Sheboygan County will under go a Riparian Trout Habitat Research Program focused on Lake Michigan tributaries.</p>	
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	10 Year Strategic Plan for Managing Wisconsin's Panfish has a scheduled evaluation in 2020. The parameters on how fisheries stock walleye will change in 2020, but the Walleye Initiative will remain the same. Addie is a Chair of the Muskellunge Management Team - Statewide and Northern Pike Management Team for Fond du Lac, Sheboygan and Washington Counties.	
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E. WCC Outreach

Cassandra Erickson

DISCUSSION	<p>Invite the public to your local clubs, organizations, events in your local area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Get involved with your local chamber of commerce, county board, lake associations, conservation alliances. •Share the WCC story, handout a WCC brochure (found in Delegate Resources), explain the importance of WCC to the NRB and DNR. •Using the existing Presentation (found in Delegate Resources) on the WCC, give an educational talk at a local event or community club •Take an OHEC TOW trailer to one of your events <p>Also, an emphasis was stressed that WCC Delegates should embrace the benefits of utilizing all aspects of Social Media.</p>	
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F. YCC

Tashina Peplinski

DISCUSSION	<p>A YCC weekend was attempted, but it was cancelled and rescheduled for 2020</p> <p>With that said.....A YCC Coordinator position is being filled and will assume duties as describe in the title. This position will increase communications with the YCC participants and keep them actively engaged and interested in the upcoming events.</p> <p>Tashina also stated that WCC Delegates should utilize the WCC Facebook (Social Media) page as a way to communicate with the public and tell our story.</p>	
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Brad Martinson mentioned WCC should have more face to face interactions with the public.
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	9:30ish
SUBMITTED BY	Brett Weir
DATE	08/07/2019