



Executive Committee District Leadership Council Annual Meeting

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Meeting Minutes**

ORDER OF BUSINESS	04/01/2019	4 PM	Conference call
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Larry Bonde at 4:01 PM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Larry Bonde, Joel Taylor, Dale Maas, Kari Lee Zimmermann.
EXCUSED	Joe Weiss, Mike Schmit.
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Todd Cook (WCC Migratory Chair), Taylor Finger (DNR Waterfowl Specialist), Kevin Wollenfang (DNR Big-Game Ecologist).

C. Agenda approval and repair

DISCUSSION	Larry stated he had no changes to the agenda.
ACTION	M/Taylor 2nd/ Riggle to approve as published. M/C

D. Public comments

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	No action taken.

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Review of NRB agenda items for action before the Board

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DISCUSSION	
ACTION	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

1. Migratory season and split discussion:

Taylor Finger and Todd Cook

DISCUSSION	<p>Taylor noted that the department's proposal will be different to what the WCC committee had proposed. The WCC wanted the South zone to start October 5th. The department's proposal will be September 28th which is the traditional (Saturday closest to October 1st).</p> <p>The reason for the change was after the committee met, he sent out an electronic survey to a select number of waterfowl hunters and also made it available to other hunters via social media notification that it was on the DNR website. This resulted on a 1,000% increase in numbers from past surveys.</p> <p>Cook (WCC Committee Chair) stated the original committee recommendation and the reasons for that position. Maas questioned why the survey was done after the committee had taken their position? It was stated that in the past the WCC and other organizations would weigh in and the written surveys were sent out. The responses from those surveys were a lot smaller than was experienced with the new technology.</p> <p>The second item that was discussed had to do with the length of split (time) of the Mississippi River zone. Taylor said that the department was recommending a 7 day split and the WCC had endorsed a 12 day. This question was also asked in the online survey, results from that data showed 39% of responses wanted no split. It was also noted that 66% agreed to a 7 day split and only 34% agreed to the 12 day split.</p> <p>Cook stated that Taylor was correct on his report. The information would have been very helpful to the committee had they had it at there meeting. With this new online capability he would like to have this information ahead of time so better decisions can be made.</p>
ACTION	<p>M/Maas 2nd/Taylor to support the department's recommendation to the NRB. M/C</p> <p>Mass also noted that this was a change and it is hoped that with this new capabilities the survey results will be available prior to committee meetings.</p>
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Cook will appear before the NRB to offer the WCC position.	

2. Elk Harvest Proposal

Kevin Wollenfang

DISCUSSION	Kevin reported that the elk harvest was still governed by the 5 year plan which allowed for a harvest of 10 bull elk as long as the population was larger than 211 bulls available. Based on preliminary data we should be on track for a hunt the same as last year. He pointed out that for this year the last transferred Kentucky elk were not entered into the population.	
ACTION	M/Riggle 2nd /Taylor to support same season structure as last season if the data is correct. M/C	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. WCC Awards Kari Lee-Zimmermann

DISCUSSION	Kari listed the applications for the various categories and the committee reviewed the supporting data. The results of the discussion are as follows: Statewide Organization of the Year OHEC; Mark LaBarbera Founder. Local Organization of the Year; Douglas County Fish and Game League. Educator of the year; Marlin Spindler. David Ladd Delegate of the Year; Harold Drake M/Maas 2nd/ Riggle to recommend the above recipients. M/C Department award nominations; Jordan Weeks DNR Fisheries. Neal Rosenberg DNR Fisheries. Tom Hill DNR Forestry. M/Maas 2nd/Taylor to recommend the above recipients. M/C	
ACTION	As stated above.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

C. Convention [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Kari gave a update on convention issues for discussion : Schedule and agenda. Reports on Strategic Plan. Presentations on SCTP and Shooting range committee. Sportsmen for Wetlands.	
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

D. Housekeeping [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Discussion on the following: Strategic Plan Review of online Polling.	
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

E. CWD Action Initiative All

DISCUSSION	The discussion centered on the WCC position on this initiative? We do not have an approved position and it was felt that we need to get additional information and see if we can obtain a recommendation one way or the other.	
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Dale; He was interviewed by Wisconsin Outdoor News for an article on the educational trailer program. He also attended the Strategic Planing Committee meeting and felt that the committee accomplished a lot and is hopeful that the DLC and Congress will endorse the process. He also suggested to the committee chair that she again reports to the DLC prior to the convention report. He also helped man the Touch of the Wild-2 trailer for the Archery in the School state shoot, the display went over very well. Mike, nothing. Kari, nothing.	
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	Larry, nothing. Joel had left due to another scheduled meeting. M/Maas 2nd/Riggle to adjourn. M/C
ACTION	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	5:20 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Dale C. Maas
DATE	04/02/2019