



- Executive Committee     District Leadership Council     Annual Meeting

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
 Meeting Minutes**

<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	10/15/2019	7:30 PM	Conference call
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**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

<b>Meeting called to order by</b>	Larry Bonde at 7:31 PM
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**B. ROLL CALL**

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Larry Bonde, Tony Blattler, Dale Maas, Joe Weiss, Terri Roehrig and Kari Lee Zimmermann
<b>EXCUSED</b>	
<b>UNEXCUSED</b>	
<b>GUESTS</b>	

**C. Agenda approval and repair**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Larry stated he had no proposed changes to the agenda.
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Weiss second by Roehrig to approve. Motion carried.

**D. Public comments.**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	None
<b>ACTION</b>	

**II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Review of Natural Resources Board October 22-23, 2019 agenda.**

Larry Bonde

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Larry mentioned that the Inland Trout Management plan was up for approval. The Trout Committee has reviewed that and the Congress position is to support. He thinks it would be appropriate to send a letter to the board reaffirming the Congress position on the management plan. Larry will draft a letter to that effect.</p> <p>Larry asked if there was any areas of concern on the rest of the agenda; Dale asked if there was anybody that knew what the deleted item on the agenda was referring to as to "evaluating CDAC's at meeting objectives" that was removed. Larry stated that that was originally put on there to see if plans from the county were able to achieve their goals. Joe asked if there was any consideration on giving CDAC's additional tools for their toolbox, specifically earn a buck? Larry stated that there was no changes propose at this time that he was aware of.</p> <p>Joe stated that in many of the counties you can only expect to sell just so many tags no matter how many you offer. The opportunity for losing control without earn a buck in some counties is getting pretty large. It's pretty hard to control the heard you don't have tools to reduce the antler-less population. Larry stated that there was considerable discussion on that at one of the board meetings and it's yet to be determined.</p> <p>Kari stated that the review for Sauk Prairie management plan was coming back for review, that was one that had some issues about limitation on dog trials and other uses of the area. There's no action, she feels that we need to consider at this time but just wanted to make the Executive Committee aware. This was a contentious case from the very beginning and Larry commented that we do not have an official position on this so if Congress members get calls, letters or emails that we do not have an official position one way or the other.</p> <p>The Northeast Sands Master Plan was sent out to all delegates and to her knowledge there were no issues brought up. One of the issues in that master plan is that they are kind of cleaning up and identifying their closed areas and to her knowledge she had no feedback on it and wanted to be sure that local delegates had not weighed in without the committee hearing about it.</p> <p>Tony asked if Larry had seen the email that was sent out last week from delegates from Florence County and that the plan includes increasing the area of old-growth forest as a buffer to a sensitive area. The local Forrester is not in favor of this. 50% of the counties forest are managed for old-growth. The Congress delegates concern as stated (though no study has been taken) is loss or reduction of hunters in the county as a result of habitat and contributed to additional old-growth forests. As an additional side item the reduction in habitat for grouse and upland game is also suffering (although again they have no studies to verify that). Florence County will be sending some people to attend the meeting. Tony mentioned that from the map that was provided on the area in question that did seem somewhat irregular. He could understand trying to protect the land adjacent to the river to some degree but this seemed to be adding considerable additional acreage. He was wondering if anybody in the department had shared the rationale on this. Dale stated that he thought the Congress and the department were making an effort to provide additional habitat for grouse and other wildlife and this seems counterintuitive by adding additional old-growth property. Dale was concerned that at the last DLC meeting the delegate had not emphasized this issue.</p>
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	<p>Kari stated that she had sent the plan out for review quite some time ago and was disappointed that if there is an issue up in Florence County that she didn't hear about it directly other than this communication last week.                  Dale stated that after now being aware of the conflict that is taking place in Florence County that we should at least address the issue with a letter to the board.                  Motion by Tony second by Joe that we contact Diane Brusoe stating the concerns of the local leaders and that if those concerns are addressed we would not have a problem with the plan approval. Depending on the reply the WCC action to be at the discretion of the chairman. Motion carried.                  Motion by Dale second by Terri that an additional letter be sent to the NRB stating we had reached out to our delegates and had no feedback in a timely fashion on this issue. Motion carried.</p>	
ACTION	As stated above.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**B. WCC housekeeping** Zimmermann

DISCUSSION	<p>Kari said she is still in need of additional items for the newsletter. Terri asked if the last discussion on feedback would be an appropriate topic and an example by outreach to explain to our delegates the importance of giving appropriate feedback in a timely fashion.</p>	
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**C. Request from YCC oversight committee for creation of a short promotional video** Zimmermann

DISCUSSION	<p>There were many questions about who would do it how much it would cost what the quality would be.                  There was a discussion that the youth wanted to do the video themselves which added additional questions that were not able to be answered.                  After additional discussion the committee felt that this should be postponed until the January 2020 DLC meeting so additional information could be gathered.</p>	
ACTION	Motion by Maas second by Blattler to postpone until the next DLC meeting. Motion carried.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**D. Request from YCC oversight committee to use OHEC donation for YCC logo design.** Zimmermann

DISCUSSION	<p>Additional information was asked about this request and once again not enough was available. It was decided that this would also be postponed to the January DLC meeting.</p>	
ACTION	Motion by Maas second by Blattler to postpone until the next Executive committee meeting. Motion carried.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

DISCUSSION	<p>Joe asked if the expense vouchers for the Warm Water Committee had been approved yet? Kari said she wasn't sure. That Mike was a little bit behind and there was a issue with the minutes but she couldn't answer, she will follow-up to try to get it moved through. Joe also mentioned and forwarded an email having to do with reactions of bleach to the CWD prion. He just wanted to make people aware of it, he wasn't sure of what all the ins and outs were on it but it was sent to him by one of the wildlife biologist in his area.                  Dale question what the CWD carcass dumpsters cost and how they would be funded. His county conservation alliance had talked about sponsoring one for Dodge County but he had heard through the grapevine that those counties that didn't have sponsors that money was available. He thought that was something that should be brought out a head of time rather than hear about it after some organization had spent money up front. Information was secondhand so we wanted to bring it up to see if anybody else had heard anything.                  Terri stated that some of the clubs she was involved in had sponsored a dumpster and that the department had funded up to \$500 towards it or 50% whichever was less. This had just been noted last week.                  Dale thought that the department should be more of an advocate in getting this information out to the county delegations up front rather than have it trickling in. Larry stated that he knows this is a new program and there are a lot of frustrations and the communications can be difficult. Larry suggested that Dale call Tammy Ryan and suggest some advanced information.</p>	
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	<p>Terri: nothing.</p> <p>Tony: DNR website has still not been updated with the Grouse Brood survey.</p> <p>Larry asked that Tony send an email out to Tammy Ryan, Kent Van Horn, Scott Loomans and copy Larry and Kari asking when this is going to be available.</p> <p>Kari: no.</p> <p>Larry: the governor's office has been very very good on reaching out to the WCC in communicating issues. There was a discussion recently about reactivating the Sporting Heritage group and was looking at the WCC for input. Larry will be meeting with the governor's Chief of Staff and review applicants suggested for representation.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Weiss second by Roehrig to adjourn. Motion carried.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>8:39 PM</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	<b>Dale C. Maas</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>10/22/2019</b>