



Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
 Legislative  
 Meeting Minutes

**WCC Meeting Minutes**  
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<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	08/24/2019	930 AM	Marshfield Holiday Inn
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**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by	Mr. Gunderson at 930 AM
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**B. ROLL CALL**

ATTENDEES	Michael Hamm, Dave Larson, Joel Taylor, Dick Krawze, Lowell Suring, Chuck Boley, Al Suchla, Pete Hellios, John Jones, Harold Drake, Bob Benson, Colleen Locke, Cody Gadow, Matt O'Brien and Scott Gunderson
EXCUSED	Kevin Schanning, Colin Crawford, Todd Cook, Ron Fassbender, Ben Van Pelt and Tashina Peplinski
UNEXCUSED	Tim Gorski
GUESTS	Jim Johnson, Jim Klein, Jason Wood, Jim Brakken, Bruce Prentis, Corky Meyer, Darrel Eberhart, Jean Voss John Olson, Mike Murphy, Craig Roeseler.

**C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR**

DISCUSSION	Approve
ACTION	

**D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT**

DISCUSSION	Chairman Gunderson read the Mission Statement. No discussion.
ACTION	

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	

**II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

- A.** Item number one resolution - 410919 All hunting dogs injured or killed be reported to a certified veterinarian, claims to be reported to Wisconsin. Author Gloriann Klein, Not Present.

DISCUSSION	Scott reported that he talked with the author on Friday. She feels that all dogs injured by wolves should be seen by a veterinarian and reported to the state by said veterinarian before any payment by the state is made. Corky Meyer representing the Wis Assoc of Sporting Dogs spoke against the resolution. Craig Roeseler a cattle farmer spoke against. Members brought up that this is the exact resolution that was brought up last year and rejected.	
ACTION	Motion to reject. Passed unanimously.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Motion by Al Suchla, seconded by Colleen Locke.		

- B.** Item number 2 resolution - 130519 Do not reimburse hounders for losses incurred in "designated" wolf caution areas. Author Jean Voss

DISCUSSION	The author presented testimony and hand outs. There was much discussion and questions by members. Joel Taylor stated that there will be no change until management of wolves is allowed. Dick Krawze stated the reason there is an increase in dogs being killed is because of more wolves on the landscape. There is no place to hunt in northern Wisconsin where there are no wolves present. He stated hound hunters do not turn dogs loose in areas of known wolf attacks. Chuck Boley questioned if the author truly wanted to deny compensation to the owners of dogs killed by wolves? Joel stated that the number of wolves is ten times the original recommended number. Lowell Suring reminded the committee that our mission is to look at the big picture and decide if the resolution should be included with the Spring Hearing questions.
ACTION	Motion to reject. All voted to reject except Lowell Suring.

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Motion by Chuck Boley, seconded by Joel Taylor.	

- C. Item number 3 resolution - 540219 Allow recreational metal detecting in most waters of the state. Author Jim Klein

DISCUSSION	The author stated concern that metal detecting is not allowed on all waters of the state. He said former DNR employee Tom Hauge stated that in the past and that was the understanding of metal detecting organizations. Warden Matt O'Brien stated that is no correct, that it only applies to waters on DNR lands. The author also was concerned about Native American artifacts that are found. The committee felt that the DNR policy needs to be made clear.	
ACTION	Motion to reject. Passed unanimously.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Motion by Colleen Locke, seconded by Bob Benson.		

- D. Item number 4 resolution - 110119 Alternative funding source in addition to hunting and fishing licenses. Author Mike Murphy

DISCUSSION	Mr Murphy stated that it is time to find additional funding for the DNR outside of license fees. Committee agrees that there needs to be a new funding source.	
ACTION	Motion to Advance. Passed unanimously.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Motion by Joel Taylor, seconded by Dave Larson.		

- E. Item number 5 resolution 130919 Democratically fund governing our wildlife and public lands none

DISCUSSION	This motion is not properly written and asks for nothing in its current format. Point of order brought up by Joel as the chairmen was reading the resolution to members	
ACTION	Motion by Joel to reject - 2nd by Colleen	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
	failed - no further action	

- F. Item number 6 resolution 130819 Ban statewide killing contests that reward hunters for killing the most coyotes and other species. Author Patricia Randolph

DISCUSSION	Wis Assoc of Sporting Dogs member Corky Meyer opposed. Wis Bear Hunters Assoc sent in testimony opposing. Citizens Jim Johnson and Bruce Prentiss also were in opposition.	
ACTION	Motion to reject. Passed unanimously.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Motion by Chuck Boley, seconded by Peter Hellios.		

- G. Item number 7 resolutions 020119/040319 boating safety improvement on 50-70Acre lake James Brakken

DISCUSSION	Author handed out 4 page handout as he presented his case to move forward. Deep Woods lake used as a guide and reference from Langlade County. Current wording was talked about and then a Friendly amendment by Lowell and Chuck to amend to say; Be it resolved that the WCC work with the WDNR and the Wisc State legislator to adjust the boating regulation to reflect that fast boating only be allowed on lakes with 50 or more acres of usable surface water	
ACTION	passed as stated above with friendly amendment	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Lowell and Chuck motion and second	passed and sent forward	

**H.** Item number 8 resolution 320219/410319 commercial fisherman buy out unable to be on site (Barbara Dahlgren)

DISCUSSION	Authors must be present and no phone calls into members allowed under rules - Van Pelt asked for any other in-site from the chair. Chairman read e-mail in lue of phone call from author. Joel questions meter of resolution and result(s) if any. Brief background on fisherman given to members on stats. Dave questioning how many times will this come before the members	
ACTION	Peter motion to reject. 2nd by Michael Hamm. Rejected by all members but one - Dave and so noted.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
		failed - no further action

**I.** Item number 9 resolution 040419 non resident rice harvest Author John Olson. WDNR fir-barer retired

DISCUSSION	Many landowners in areas where wild rice can and does flourish are not residents of the state. With rice restoration efforts well underway the author is looking for, and seeking out support from those non resident land owners from out of state to continue the surge in restoration by allowing those land owners to harvest rice as an incentive to restoration of the rice. The state of Minn currently has such rule in effect at this time. The author is a former WDNR member of the state wild rice commette.	
ACTION	Joel motion, Chuck 2nd motion to advance passed in full with members	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
		passed and sent forward

**J.** Item number 10 620219 Establish Reciprocity Non-Resident Deer license fees author not present

DISCUSSION	general talks on western states, Midwestern states on fees. Reciprocity the key discussion among members present. Talks went both ways for and against with a general lack of hunting camps in the modern era. Choose where you hunt and pay for that hunt where you want to go. Great northern deer camps like years gone by brought up several times.	
ACTION	Dave advance, 2nd by Colleen. ROLL VOTE after voice vote not clear. 7 to 7 tie so it fails	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
		tied vote, motion fails

**K.** Item number 11 - 560119 Increase price of non-resident license fees for deer and bear no author present

DISCUSSION	LACK OF FUNDING in the state was a key on this one and the general discussion was on fees coming into the state	
ACTION	motion Colleen to advance and Peter 2nd passed with one no vote, that being for the chairman of committee.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
		passed and sent forward

**L.** Item number 12 - 270219 - High fence rules or spite fencing Jason Wood author on site

DISCUSSION	Mr. Wood handed out several pages of photos and information concerning high fences, and land owner parcel information highlighted. Discussed chapter 90 fence law. Joel questions opening of 2 rods per area for animal movements. Bob requesting info on current laws for high fences vs standard fences. One owner fails to get along with another thus the building of the high fences discussed. Peter fence photos questions on adverse possesetions and then discussion on that. Joel concerned it is a civil deal and civil issues. Additional comment allowed by chair from Jim Johnson who asked to speak before meeting and was against this resolution as written.	
ACTION	Joel motion to reject, 2nd by Colleen - motion to reject passed unanimously by members	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
		failed, no further action.

**M.** Item number 13 - -020219 and 260119 returning back to the former backtags Bruce Prentice appearing

DISCUSSION	Bruce spoke on both of the resolutions on the back ground of the back tags and the need to reinstate them on trespass in favor of the land owners notifying the sheriffs dept and the warden force om game violations. Tags stated as a safety way to identify individuals trespassing on private land and the way to notify the sheriffs dept on trespass and the wardens on game violations. Passed in two counties. Richard against tags. Law enforcement stated utility for landowners and the local law but may be an inconvenience for some hunters. Chuck fully supports the return of back tags for deer hunting. Dave questions the need for based on cost for the convenience. Joel believes it is not an option under current wild system but could be adjusted by programmers. Allan questions the tags price vs safety walking up to a trespasser with a loaded gun for facial recognition. Dick agrees with Allen. Peter -unsolved game violation without tags an issue. Jim J in favor. Daryl Lebart land owner in favor of tags Harold preference to allow the state to vote on this issue ad move forward	
ACTION	Motion to advance Peter, 2nd Colleen - ROLL CALL VOTE - passed 8 to 6	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
		passed and sent forward

**N.** Item number 14 - 130319 Natural resources board make up silent sporting one author not present  
member

DISCUSSION	Read by chairman - fast motion to reject by Peter, 2nd by Michael - Harold no substance to statement on resolution - Lowell no back up information Mike 0 really against	
ACTION	motion to reject by Peter, 2nd by Michael all in favor of rejection	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
		failed - no further action needed

**O.** Item number 15 - 250119 Change laws to trespassing and the enforcement of them author present Robert Benson

DISCUSSION	Robert Benson Iowa County current laws sheriff to arrest not wardens seeking to change that and give the wardens that power to arrest. Joel suggests friendly amendment to drop items 2-3-4-5 from resolution to forward on. Stated by author that chief warden supports this resolution as written as inherently part of their civic duty and the duty acting as their scope of work. Warden member approves this as written with changes. Customer service benefit to landowners vs passing the buck onto others. Another tool in the box on trespassing issues stated.	
ACTION	Joel motion to advance striking 2-3-4-5 Al Sooko 2nd = passed by all members	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
		passed as amended and sent forward

**P.** WDNR warden updates warden on committee

DISCUSSION	listed all items current	
ACTION	none needed	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

DISCUSSION	Cody - passes. Dick - wolves, tracking resolutions, northern deer numbers, forests in Florence County, hunter safety issues. Mike - good meeting set 2020 date today request. Bob - trespassing support needed. Harold - good meeting. John - flooding worst ever in state. Chuck - deer groups gone for over 8 years with current deer numbers. Al - #1 wolf situation, face-book note from Bondie, feds must make wolf season possible, migratory sandhill hunting season needed, Alabama now has sandhill hunt in 2019. Joel - crane hunt to the DLC do not let this slide by, social media actions needed. Dave - new member to this committee but 20 year congress member, thank you, deer harvest and access to private land issues. Colleen - legislative issues must be pushed forward. Peter - good meeting public agreeing with WDNR on many issues. Chair - sandhill season a must, 2 meetings per year needed with all the items on legislative side of things, next month will push forward the passed items to the DLC. Cranes and wolves are	
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	important issues that action is needed. Asked if members felt another meeting was needed to discuss possible action items for the DLC. All agreed.
<b>ACTION</b>	Dates set - Dec14th 2019 time and place TBD. August 22nd 2020 time and place TBD

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>3:03 PM</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	<b>Chairman Gunderson and Michael J. Murphy</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>08/24/2019</b>