



Executive Committee District Leadership Council Annual Meeting

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Meeting Minutes**

ORDER OF BUSINESS	08/24/2020	7 PM	Conference Call
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Larry Bonde at 7:08 PM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Joe Weiss, Tony Blattler, Dave Larson, Mike Riggle, Steve Budnick, Dale Ebert, Ronald Krueger Senior., Kevin Smaby, Terri Roehrig, Stan Brownell, Al Lobner, Dale Maas, Paul Gettelman, Brett Weir, Tashina Peplinski, Dave Breunig, Mike Rogers, Kenneth Risley, Eugene Altwies, Scott Gunderson, Rob Bohmann, Kari Lee Zimmermann, Falon French and various department staff.
EXCUSED	Joel Taylor and Jane Meyer.
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	

C. Agenda approval and repair

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DISCUSSION	Larry asked for flexibility in the printed agenda to expedite the meeting.
ACTION	Motion by Blattler second by Breunig to allow. Motion carried.

D. Public comments

DISCUSSION	<p>There were two people registered for public comments pertaining to question 50 on the spring hearing. Paul Malloy representing Wisconsin Small Lakes Association spoke in opposition to question 50, boating safety improvement on lakes of 50 or more acres (020119) (requires legislation). Paul stated that this is not the issue and the fix proposed is for something that isn't broken. They feel that small lakes have less traffic and locals could address specific lakes with local ordinances rather than a one-size-fits-all proposal. He says that there's a possibility for considerable economic issues to businesses, people, tourism and many other facets that could negatively impact passing this proposal and urged a no vote on question 50.</p> <p>Jim Brak from Bayfield County was the author of question 50. He said that when it took the 10 years to get the ordinance in place that they missed the mark and therefore wanted to bring it down to a smaller control number. He felt that the numbers supporting it (23,000 versus 14,091) spoke for itself.</p> <p>Larry suggested that the DLC take this question at this time while it was fresh in everybody's mind.</p>
ACTION	<p>Motion by Weiss second by Smaby to advance.</p> <p>There was much discussion about the question and the difference of opinion surrounding it, it was felt that option for individual lakes to make their own ordinances on it one-to-one basis was a topic for discussion, also the fact that if such legislation was drawn it would be very arbitrary and could create additional issues down the road in forcing people to change the way they recreate on property they already own. Motion to advanced failed. Question rejected. No further action taken.</p>

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Update from DNR secretary's office

Keith Warnke

DISCUSSION	<p>He thanked the Congress DLC for all the work that they continue to do for conservation in the state. He recognized chair Bonde for his service as vice chair and chair and commented that there was much done but also still much to do.</p> <p>He gave a brief overview on what the conservation world looks like during the Covid Virus As we all know we have been severely limited in how we do business. Discontinued service in many areas, closed service centers to name a few. Fisheries programs, pheasant rearing and state campgrounds have remained open but fish and pheasant operations have been reduced in some areas. We still struggle with in person meetings as you all know no department staff are allowed to attend in person meetings. The use of technology as in tonight's meeting on zoom is our workaroud for that but it is not the same. Learn to hunt programs and educational certificate programs have been handicapped severely by this virus he continued to work on ways to deliver.</p> <p>Some questions were asked, one of which was are we going to get enough samples for the upcoming deer season for CWD testing and the need for volunteers is quite evident. He urged anyone that had some time and was willing to help out to notify their local wildlife managers and let them know when and where they would be available and stressed that you don't have to do it for the entire season if you give a half a day or a day to the sampling process it would be a tremendous help.</p>
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ACTION	Information only. No action taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

Review and determine position on 2020 Spring Hearing results

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B. Note: items may not of been taken in actual order.

DISCUSSION	<p>The following are the actions taken on the 55 spring hearing questions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Use of non-toxic shot on all state owned or managed properties, except shooting ranges. Motion by Krueger second by Gettelman to support. Motion carried. Question advances. 2). Use of non-toxic bullets and shot and slugs on all state owned or managed properties, except shooting ranges. Motion by Smaby second by Weir to reject. Motion carried. Question rejected. 3) Use of non-toxic shot for hunting of doves statewide. Motion by Larson second by Altwies to reject. Motion carried. Question rejected. 4) Use of non-toxic shot for the hunting of pheasants on state owned or managed properties. Motion by Gettelman second by Roehrig to advance. Motion failed. Question rejected. 5) Use of non-toxic shot for Wild Turkey on all state owned or managed properties. Motion by Rogers second by Larson to reject. Motion carried. Question rejected. 6) Use of non-toxic shot for ruffed grouse on all state owned or managed properties. Motion by Smaby second by Larson to reject. Motion carried. Question rejected. 7) Use of non-toxic shot and ammunition for small game animals on all state owned land or managed properties. Motion by Smaby second by Breunig to reject. Motion carried. Question rejected. 8) Restricting placement of artificial water sources for attracting deer and elk in CWD affected counties. Motion by Altwies second by Rogers to reject. Motion carried. Question rejected. 9) Establishing a special rifle or lottery where the winner(S) would receive several otherwise difficult-to-draw tags and authorizations and the proceeds would go to wildlife habitat management and restoration in Wisconsin. (Requires legislation) Motion by Krueger second by Larson to support. Motion carried. Question advances 10) Extend the current nine-day firearm season by adding 10 days. Motion by Weiss second by Rogers to reject. Motion carried. Question rejected. 11) Eliminate the antlerless-only holiday firearm deer season. Motion by Roehrig second by Blattler to reject. Motion carried. Question rejected. 12) Establish a no-hunting period before the first day of the firearm deer season with the exception of waterfall hunting. Motion by Ebert second by Rogers to advance. Motion carried. Question advances. 13) Invalidate archery in crossbow buck tags during firearm season. Motion by Rogers second by Smaby to reject. Motion carried. Question rejected. 14) October season for hunting with crossbow. Motion by Rogers second by Gunderson to reject. Motion carried. Question rejected. 15). Simplify and streamline regulations by eliminating deer management zones and continuing to manage by county units and public or private land antlerless tag. Motion by Smaby second by Weir to advance. Motion carried. Question advances. 16). Prohibit baiting and feeding of deer statewide (requires legislation). Motion by Weiss second by Weir to advance. Motion carried. Question advances. 17) Close the crossbow season in November and reopen it when the traditional firearms deer season opens. Motion by Larson second by Smaby to reject. Motion carried. Question rejected. 18) Establish a spring bear hunting season. Motion by Weir second by Roehrig to advance. Motion carried. Question advances. 19) Return authority to the DNR to utilize earn-a-buck as a third management tool in overpopulated counties (requires
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legislation). Motion by Krueger second by Weir to reject. Motion carried. Question rejected.

20) Allow CDAC's the ability to make recommendations regarding using earn-a-buck in their respective counties (requires legislation). Motion by Blattler second by Rogers to reject. Motion carried. Question rejected.

21) Give more authority to DNR to determine baiting and feeding regulations, including when and where bands are put in place (requires legislation). Motion by Rogers second by Altwies to reject motion failed motion by Blattler second by Weiss to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.

22) Allow CDAC's the ability to make recommendations regarding baiting and feeding and their respective counties (requires legislation). Motion by Weir second by Gettelman to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.

23) Refined antlerless only tool for CDAC's. Motion by Weir second by Weiss to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.

24) Sixteen-day gun deer season opening on a Saturday nearest 15 November (requires legislation). Motion by Larson second by Smaby to reject. Motion carried. Question rejected.

25) Allow bear hunters on private land to use man-made containers for baiting (620319). Motion by Weir second by Rogers to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.

26) Bear bait containment. Motion by Rogers second by Weir to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.

27) Establish an earlier opening date for spring turkey season (200419). Motion by Rogers second by Weir to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.

28) Oppose Back Forty proposed metallic sulfide mine (022-0319, 130619, 310619, 320319, 32419, 380219, 630519). Motion by Weir second by Smaby to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.

29) Allow introductory operation of motorized recreational vehicles (450219) requires legislation). Motion by Larson second by Roehrig to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.

30) Creating a full-time shooting sports coordinator (450119). Motion by Gunderson second by Blattler to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.

31) Experimental badger season. Motion by Blattler second by Rogers to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.

32) Record-keeping for wild animal sizes (150119, 150219). Motion by Blattler second by Rogers to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.

33) Change the start date for the use of cable restraints (550219, 610219) Motion by Gunderson second by Rogers to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.

34) Extend the late bobcat permit. To February 15 (520-1196). Motion by Gunderson second by Weir to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.

35) Allowing the spearing of carp during the Sturgeon spearing season. Motion by Weir second by Roehrig to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.

36) Reduced daily bag limit for smallmouth bass on the Namekagon and St. Croix Rivers to one fish with a harvest minimum of 18 inches (070119, 580119). Motion by Weiss second by Smaby to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.

37) Reduce daily bag limit for musky on the Namekagon and St. Croix Rivers to one fish with a harvest minimum of 50 inches (070119, 580119). Motion by Weir second by Budnick to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.

38) Reduce daily bag limits for panfish on Big Eau Peine Reservoir, Marathon County (370519). Motion by Weir second by Weiss to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.

39) Northern Pike limit on Wallace Lake, Washington County (670119). Motion by Weir second by Weiss to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.

40) Green Lake panfish bag limit reduction, Washington County (670219). Motion Weir second Larson to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.

	<p>41) Protection of spawning walleyes in the Wisconsin River from the Scott Street bridge (Wausau) downstream to Prairie to Sac Dam (720519). Motion by Blattler second by Rogers to reject. Motion failed. Motion by Lobner second by Larson to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.</p> <p>42) Avril, Presque Isle and Van Vliet Chain of Lakes (Vilas County) muskellunge size limit increase (640519). Motion by Budnick second by Weiss to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.</p> <p>43) Removal of largemouth bass size limits on Buckatabon Lakes, (Vilas County (640619). Motion by Weiss second by Budnick to advance option "B". Motion carried. Question "B" advances.</p> <p>44) Pan Fish bag limit on Big Round Lake, Polk County (490119). Motion by Smaby second by Larson to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.</p> <p>45) Add Forest County to list of counties allowing for one line/lure per angler, three lines per boat max file motor trolling (210219). Motion by Ebert second by Smaby to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.</p> <p>46) Allow for underwater spearfishing in Forest County (210319). Motion by Ebert second by Roehrig to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.</p> <p>47) Change opening date of musky fishing season to the first Saturday of May in the northern zone, with the month of May being catch and release only (640319). Motion by Weir second by Budnick to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.</p> <p>48) Restore anadromous fish passage to the Iron River, Bayfield County (160119). Motion by Weir second by Altwies to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.</p> <p>49) Appropriate harvest and protection level(s) for native Buffalo fish. Motion by Roehrig second by Smaby to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.</p> <p>50) Boating safety improvement on lakes of 50 or more acres (020119) (requires legislation). Motion by Weiss second by Smaby to advance. Motion failed. Question rejected.</p> <p>51) Changes to trespassing laws and their enforcement (250119) (requires legislation). Motion by Roehrig second by Larson to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.</p> <p>52) Establish a non-resident wild rice harvest license (040419) (requires legislation). Motion by Weiss second by Blattler to reject. Motion carried. Question rejected.</p> <p>53) Increase the cost of non-resident deer license (560119) (requires legislation). Motion by Gunderson second by Weir to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.</p> <p>54) Increase the cost of non-resident bear license (560119) (requires legislation). Motion by Rogers second by Larson to advance. Motion carried. Question advances.</p> <p>55) Alternate funding sources to Fish and Wildlife Account in addition to hunting, fishing and trapping licenses (110119) (requires legislation). Motion by Roehrig second by Rogers to Advance. Motion carried. Question advances.</p>	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

C. Election of 2020-2021 Executive Committee

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DISCUSSION	<p>Do to some irregularities that were mentioned during the District Meetings and the trouble that meetings created in some areas it was recognized that a formal leadership election did not take place in District 6. After much discussion was a motion by Riggle second by Krueger to allow the vote that was taken to stand. Motion carried.</p> <p>There was a discussion on if there was a contested position on how we could provide secret ballots. It was noted that Zoom allows for private messaging and that we could handle it that way. There were written comments submitted as to a request for the proxy voting and or a delay in the election to allow for further vetting of any positions. The majority felt that it was appropriate to continue at this time.</p> <p>Opening nominations for chairman, Mike Rogers nominated Tony Blattler that was seconded by Ronald Krueger. Additional nominations were asked for three times, hearing none a motion was made for nominations to be closed and a unanimous ballot</p>
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	<p>was cast for Tony Blattler for chair.</p> <p>Nominations were open for vice chair, motion by Rob Bohmann second by Kevin Smaby to nominate Terri Roehrig. Additional nominations were asked for three times, hearing none a motion was made for nominations to be closed a unanimous ballot cast for Terri Roehrig for vice chair.</p> <p>Nominations were then open for secretary, motion by Paul Gettelman second by Ken Risley to nominate Dale Maas. Additional nominations were asked for three times, hearing none a motion was made for nominations to be closed and unanimous ballot cast for Dale Maas for secretary.</p> <p>Motions were then open for Executive Board position number four motion by Paul Gettelman second by Dale Maas to nominate Joe Weiss. Additional nominations were asked for three times, hearing none motion was made for nominations to be closed and unanimous ballot cast Joe Weiss for executive position number four.</p> <p>Nominations for then open for Executive Board position number five motion by Dale Maas second by Paul Gettelman for Brett Weir. Additional nominations were asked for three times, having hearing none a motion was made for nominations to be closed and unanimous ballot cast for Brett Weir for executive position five.</p>
ACTION	As stated above.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	
DEADLINE	

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Weiss nothing.</p> <p>Blattler nothing.</p> <p>Larson said there needs to be more tools for CDAC's to have in their toolbox in many counties is becoming increasingly difficult to achieve the agreed-upon goals.</p> <p>Riggle nothing.</p> <p>Budnick nothing.</p> <p>Smaby nothing.</p> <p>Roehrig thanked Larry for his service and appreciated the vote for vice chair. She also stated that the need for the committee assignments were top priority on her list.</p> <p>Brownell thanked both Larry and Rob for serving as chairs and announced that at the completion of his term next year he will be stepping down as DLC delegate to district 6.</p> <p>Lobner thanked Larry for his service to the Congress.</p> <p>Maas congratulated the DLC and new executive committee. He thanked Larry for his many years of dedicated service as vice chair and chair and wished him well in the future. He also noted the dates of term expiration. It appears as though in many counties there are going to be three if not four people up for election next year. Falon commented that she had recognized an error in the way the roster was made up and they were working to rectify the situation.</p> <p>Gettelman also offered his thanks to Larry with years of service.</p> <p>Weir again thanked Larry and also thanked him for being a great mentor as he entered the Congress and became a DLC member and now his election to the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Peplinski also thanked Larry for his years of service and is looking forward to serving on the DLC in the future.</p> <p>Breunig thanked Larry for his service.</p> <p>Rogers thanked Larry for his years of service.</p> <p>Risley thanked everybody for working together for the betterment of state conservation issues. He also wished Larry well on his retirement as WCC chair.</p> <p>Gunderson thanked Larry and said that people don't really understand the intense effort and responsibilities that the chairman has working with all different facets internally and externally. It takes a tremendous amount of effort and dedication to do a good job in that position and Larry served that position well. He also stated that he has enjoyed his time on the DLC and is continuing on as a County delegate and wishes DLC well.</p> <p>Altwies thanked Larry for his work through the years and also thanked Scott Gunderson for his service to their district.</p> <p>Bohmann stated that Larry was one of the best vice chairs he had and congratulated him on his retirement as chair.</p> <p>Zimmermann thanked Larry for his dedication as she worked with him throughout the years and wished him well and will miss their frequent conversations.</p> <p>Larry then thanked Kari for all her help and dedication throughout the years and stated he will be around to help leadership whenever they asked for help and he would like to continue on with some of the projects that he has been working on if the chair so wishes.</p> <p>Falon congratulated Tony and thanked Larry for his years of service to the Congress and the citizens of the state and congratulated the elected officers and Executive Committee.</p>
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ACTION	Motion by Bruenig second by Lobner to adjourn. Motioin carried meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	9:40 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Dale C. Maas
DATE	08/29/2020