



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Deer & Elk Committee
 Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS	10/28/2020	7:00 pm	ZOOM
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Mike Riggle at 7:02 pm
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Alan Horvath, Tom Johnson, Rick Olson, Jim Morning, Eric Wojchik, Mike Riggle, Ken Anderson, Dale Ebert, Duane Beyer, Al Marotz, Mark Noll, Doug Seidl, Larry Gohlke, Andy Geiger, Greg Coulthurst, David Breunig, Anthony Grabski, Charlie Brown, Ken Risley, Eugene Altwies. WDNR Wildlife - Bob Nack, WDNR Law Enforcement - Dave Zebro, WDNR Law Enforcement - Scott Bowe, WDNR Office of Applied Science - Dan Storm.
EXCUSED	Kerry Kramer, Dave West, Stan Brownell, Allen Jacobson, Martin Laidlaw, Wright Allen, Mike Burkart, Douglas Williams, Rob Bohmann.
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Aaron Norby, James Winkler, Roger Peterson, Falon Freck, Kari Lee-Zimmermann, Jason Wood, Brent Alderman, Kurt Flack, Bradley Heath, Bob Skimrud, Matt Anderson.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	M Riggle stated the citizen resolutions will be addressed different than agenda A-1 (140220), 4 (410220), 5 (440220, 570120), 7 (700420), 2 (170120), 3 (270220), 6 (620320), and 8 (720120) the order.
ACTION	Motion, A Geiger and C Brown second. Approved,

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Horvath read.
ACTION	Motion, K Anderson and E Wojchik, second. Approved.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None.
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A.

1.	140220 - CWD Research: Stakeholders Working Together.	Not present.
	<p>DISCUSSION</p> <p>M Riggle read resolution. Author not in Zoom meeting. Discussion - K Anderson, Request check of CWD recommendations from 2002. T Grabski, This question is similar to questions of 2019, What happened to them? M Riggle, They were lumped into 1 question, Nixed at DLC as redundant. A Marotz - Could CDAC's Review and have choice of involvement? Bob Nack - CDAC's have work to do, CWD actions would possibly be a separate meeting, make request through the Department. Ken Risley - What could be changed w CWD Actions Committee to make better? Bob Nack - The committee meets every 5 years, may be a disadvantage. There are multiple ongoing research and communication. Possibly have more regular meetings.? Dan Storm - Multiple CWD research projectson line for review, and communication of research with many other states. Mark Noll - Any work between DATCP and DNR? Dan Storm - Starting in future, certain avenues.</p>	
	<p>ACTION</p> <p>Motion to advance, K Anderson and second by A Marotz, Advance.</p>	

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M Riggle and DLC.	

2.	410220 – Formation of a Cooperative Comprehensive CWD Research Group.	Author, Jerome Donohoe present in Zoom.
DISCUSSION	<p>Al Horvath read resolution. Currently, there is no working group to get stakeholders together for solutions and tools for toolbox to address issues. DLC needs proper review, no alterations, as has happened before. Al Horvath – Research more extensive. Asked Jerome; How do we take such a diverse group to work together with so many challenges? Jerome – Research currently being conducted. There is a need to reach across the isle and work together to get this done. A Marotz – Why not? What could it hurt? M Riggle – Difference of resistance gene's wild vs captive. T Grabski – Author not asking for \$\$\$. We can work together to get things done. Would like to see this advance. R Olson – First resolution has same reference for working group. T Johnson – Everyone really needs to look at the big picture and look outside the box. Resolution deserves to advance. K Anderson – I second what T Grabski says, Welcomes input from all groups. Advance. Vote for not to advance by roll call. Aye, 8 and Nay, 11. Motion failed.</p>	
ACTION	Motion to advance by T Grabski and second by E Altwies. Advance.	
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M Riggle and DLC.		

3.	440220 and 570120 – CWD Leadership Needed.	Author not present.
DISCUSSION	<p>M Riggle read resolution. M Riggle – This is a broad resolution to award something for stakeholders to cooperate better. Al Horvath – There is a brochure referencing some 60 agencies throughout the country, of Best Management Practices, covering all aspects, (A to Z), Mitigation effort. G Coulthurst – In favor of advance. A Marotz – Call vote.</p>	
ACTION	Motion to advance by A Gohlke and second by K Anderson. Advance.	
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M Riggle and DLC.		

4.	700420 – Working Together to find Solutions to CWD.	Not present.
DISCUSSION	<p>Al Horvath read resolution. Author not present. T Grabski – Send message to DLC to address concerns of resolutions. M Riggle – Author not normally consulted unless resolution changed. R Olson – Need to come together and simplify. Al Horvath – Once we vote on resolution, it is ours. A Marotz – Go for it.</p>	
ACTION	Motion to advance by K Anderson and second by T Grabski. Advance.	
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M Riggle and DLC.		

5.	170120 – Wisconsin is Not providing enough tools for County Deer Advisory Committee's to slow spread of Chronic Wasting Disease.	Dan Loonstra present in ZOOM.
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DISCUSSION	<p>M Riggle read resolution. Author, Daniel Loonstra present in Zoom meeting. Dan is a member of the Dunn County CDAC. He forwarded four (4) supporting links to the WCC and Kari forwarded to Committee members, including Wisconsin Statute. CDAC councils are limited with tools. After discussing the links, Dan recommends to allow the CDAC's more tools, such as, reduce buck population. Al Horvath communicated with Dan of the resolution. Best Management Practices seem to align somewhat. Al also spoke with others regarding supporting information. ; M Riggle, CWD response unit from area of CWD issue addresses now. A failure of NRB. Al Marotz, Another tool, the more the better. T Grabski, four (4) points of disagreement; 1. Allow additional buck harvest, not good. 2. Hunter effort will decline. 3. Land owners practicing Quality Deer Management will shoot fewer deer, and animosity. 4. Article from 2016 study, conclusion is needed for such. R Olson, Questions for Bob Nack; 1. Is this doable with Natural Resources Charters? Bob Nack, No admin rule authority. 2. Baiting (Emerald Ash Borer example)? Bob Nack, Cant predict statewide. Dan Loonstra, State Statute 29.177, issue hunters choice permits, etc. M Noll, Our county has used every tool available. Need more tools in population control. Al Marotz called the question.</p>	
ACTION	Motion to advance by A Marotz and second by G Coulthurst. Advance	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	M Riggle and DLC.	
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6.	270220 – High Fence is Legally “Taking” Wildlife in Wisconsin.	Jason Wood present in ZOOM.
DISCUSSION	<p>M Riggle Read resolution. Author, Jason Wood present in Zoom meeting. Jason, WCC Delegate from Jackson County, read background information, relying heavily on Michigan's wildlife passage law. Aaron Norby, neighboring landowner, had issue, as well as nearby neighbors. Bob Skimrudhas similar issue. T Grabski questioned Jason, Michigan Exemptions? Jason, yes. Al Horvath, instances similar to game farm, but, no regulations. Thanks for bringing forward. Al Marotz, these are state animals, and in agreement. M Riggle questioned, Is there law enforcement? Dave Zebro, dealt with similar resolution in past. A number of similar is State. The deer are not captive. M Noll, had similar issue in Buffalo County, and were issues of deer being trapped. Too bad people can not get along.</p>	
ACTION	Motion to advance by G Coulthurst and second by E Wojchek. Advance.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	M Riggle and DLC.	
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7.	620320 – Creating more opportunities for hunters by ending the unfair ability for one hunter to harvest multiple bucks through “party hunting”.	Not present.
DISCUSSION	<p>Al Horvath read resolution. Uthor was present earlier, but not at this time. R Olson, Trempeleau County, this was a close vote. M Riggle, party hunting (Deer Drives), are still alive, and taken advantage in some areas of the state. This poses question, Statewide? Al Horvath, hunting camps, people moving, could affect some hunting (Deer drives). T Grabski, Agree with Mike and Al, deer drives still happen. Tends to oppose. Deer drives would be done away with. Al Marotz, tradition. Opposes. R Olson, deer drives tradition. D Beyer, deer drives alive and well. Al Horvath and T Johnson, stated deer drives still alive. M Noll, remembers when party hunting was illegal, but, now legal.</p>	

ACTION	Motion by K Anderson NOT to advance and second by D Beyer. Does NOT advance.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

8. 720120 – White Deer Season. James Winkler present in ZOOM.

DISCUSSION	<p>M Riggle read resolution. Jim Winkler, author present at Zoom meeting. Jim Winkler, member of Wood County CDAC. County favored. Not for albino deer, but, white deer. There is a sizeable population of white deer in Wood County, becoming very common. The biggest draw at CDAC meeting. Al Horvath, spoke with Wood County deer management, and is big issue. Tremendous support from biologist and many others. M Riggle, law enforcement issue? Dave Zebro, marking identifying white deer. Totally social. J Morning, talked to farmer with white deer. Cant shoot for crop damage permits. T Grabski, questioned, White deer and NOT albino deer? Dave Zebro, NR10, just identifies white, rather than albino. Scott Bowe, Cant separate white/albino. M Riggle, Need to advance due to concern.</p>	
ACTION	Motion to advance by D Seidl and second by Morning, Advance.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
	M Riggle and DLC.	

B. Future meetings

M Riggle

DISCUSSION	<p>Kari, Pandemic the issue. No Dept information. Need another meeting, this year? Bob Nack, CDAC 3 year population objectives and boundary issues review starting soon. M Riggle, could possibly set up meeting for Department updates in January,</p>	
ACTION	Possible meeting with Department updates in future, Look for communication.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
	M Riggle and Alan Horvath.	

C. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC]

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION		
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>E Wojchik, voiced discust with CDAC boundary issue. Issue taken away. It is the least we could do. Some areas have changed. K Anderson, boundary changes would keep CDAC together. D Ebert, boundary issue and deer management. Are management zones going away? Bob Nack, No, not aware. Al Marotz, future hunters safety online for any age, no final test, no hands on, NOT GOOD. M Noll, wishes all a safe hunt, season wishes. T Grabski, Thank You, Bob Nack. Kevin Wallenfang moved on to CWD processing center manager. Replacement? Bob Nack, acting in interim, hiring freeze currently in place, hope to in future. T Grabski, Are elk moving out of normal area? Bob Nack, elk bucks are wandering, looking for mates. Some of this issue is true. T Johnson, Thank You to Department representatives for good information. Hunters Safety issuse should seriously be looked at, as A Marotz suggested, No Hands On, No interaction with Qualified Instructor or instruction has offended Hunters Safety Instructors. There is a Real need for Hunters Safety utilizing qualified instructors and hands on instruction.</p>	
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	<p>Al Horvath, Thank You to ALL who participated in this Zoom meeting. M Riggle, sorry we had no department updates. Possibly in January or near future. Questioned CDAC recruitment? Bob Nack, there is a call out to all CDAC members to try to recruit via email, etc. The department is putting it out on the web for recruitment opportunities, and trying hard to fill them. K anderson, tap into forest landowners. M Riggle, Thank You All for participating in the Zoom meeting, a three (3) hour meeting.</p>
ACTION	None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	9:56 p.m.
SUBMITTED BY	Tom Johnson
DATE	11/10/2020