



- Executive Committee District Leadership Council Annual Meeting

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Meeting Minutes**

ORDER OF BUSINESS	05/15/2020	4 PM	Conference call
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDEES	Bonde, Blattler, Maas, Weiss, Zimmermann
EXCUSED	Roehrig
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Beth Beier DNR, Brad Heathe CDAC and Jerome Donohoe Milw. County

C. Agenda approval and repair

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	Motion by Weiss second by Blattler to approve agenda as published. Motion carried.

D. Public comments

DISCUSSION	<p>DNR Deputy Secretary Beth Bier gave a brief update on the COVID-19 issues as they pertain to the DNR and the Governor's executive orders for the state.</p> <p>Most of the DNR (80%) employees are working from home with very little access to there offices. The department is concerned with staff and public safety, land management and use along with responding to the time sensitive issues such as fish hatcheries and pheasant rearing operations.</p> <p>As for the Spring Hearing and survey results; it was great that the online polling process was in place last year . With the Covid-19 issue this year at least there was a mechanism in place to take input on this years issues. With over 60,000 responses it was a daunting task for Kari and her crew of two others to verify and summarize the input. With that volume to be reviewed they did a great job! It shows the great connection that the public has with our natural resources.</p> <p>The DNR is working to support the WCC mission the same but we both need to adjust as needed. She again thanked all of the WCC leadership and delegates for all they do.</p> <p>Joe asked about what was happening with no Muskie eggs collected for the Tommy Thompson Fish Hatchery and also why they were able to get Walleye eggs for stocking?</p> <p>She said that due to social distancing requirements, many tough decisions had to be made and the timing issues with many of the needed species, she would have the appropriate department personnel contact him with more detail.</p> <p>Dale mentioned he was aware of some of the same type of issues with distancing and the stocking process of fish in the harbors along Lake Michigan. Usually they would be transfered to harbor net pens and release later when they were less likely to experience predation from shore birds. He hopes that next year we will get back to that process as we lost a lot of this years fish.</p>
ACTION	No action taken.

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

Review of Natural Resources Board's May 26-27, 2020 agenda and act on items any items as

Kari

A. needed

DISCUSSION	<p>Larry reviewed the Following: WCC position was taken on Waterfowl seasons was on record from the committee and no action was needed.</p> <p>Tony stated that the committee reviewed the Elk Harvest and due to the extended quarantine the release of the last transfers from Kentucky were not able to acclimate enough to the release territory and gain enough weight. We lost about half of that release, many were small bulls and if we didn't adjust this year we would only be prolonging the issue.. There was an agreement of the committees to reduce the number of tags for this years drawing. The distribution is: 3 to Tribes, 1 to Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for their Raffle and 2 for state residents drawing. Motion by Blattler second by Weiss to approve.</p> <p>Joe asked why the reduction since the last drawing didn't add to that presentation.</p> <p>Tony said that last year we lost many animals due to miss identification and we are only allowed to take bull elk this is a once in a lifetime hunt. Dale asked if the tribes split was equitable and Tony said that it was.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p> <p>The Lake Superior Master Plan was reviewed with no position taken.</p>
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	Dale commented on the scope statement on the Whitefish issue in Green Bay. He wanted to make sure we didn't need to make comments at this time, this was confirmed.	
ACTION		
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Changes to the WCC schedule based on the moving the convention to August: committee

Kari, Larry

B. selection , Awards,Resolution assignments, etc.

DISCUSSION	<p>Larry asked how many resolutions we received this year? We got less than normal about 150 with some of them duplicates so about 75-80 at the end. The rules committee has not set a meeting yet and wanted input. Tony thought that a Skype meeting would work but he wanted hard copies sent to all rules committee members. He also asked that Kari do a Doodle pole for the best time to have the meeting. Kari will check on which format is best for the meeting and get the other materials set and get back to him. Joe asked if we could still put a book together ahead of the proposed committee meeting.</p> <p>Kari said the final committee selections would have been done at the convention so how can we finalize that? Larry felt that the districts should be able to handle that. Dale wanted the tally of no call no shows for the committee meetings so the district leadership can make the best decision possible. Larry stated that he and Tony would work on the committee leadership, there will be no need for resumes.</p> <p>Awards, there were not very many awards offered but we could extend it with a new cutoff date of June 15th. It was agreed to extend but not have awards in every case depending.</p> <p>If there are resolutions that need faster action can be addressed on the floor of the convention.</p> <p>Dale asked if we were sure we will have a quorum? Are we suppose to reserve the rooms again? Larry said that we should wait until we know more.</p> <p>Dale asked if we could have a letter from Larry to all delegates to update them directly and he agreed.</p>	
ACTION		
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

C. WCC Administrative Housekeeping

Kari

DISCUSSION	<p>Kari stated that the NRB has canceled all of there outstate meetings for this year.</p> <p>Larry said that the board is being very open with us and the whole WCC and DNR interaction is very much in flux just to figure how we make this all work.</p> <p>Joe questioned about the confidence of the polling results? Larry said with the data he has seen he is very confidant and used the passing of a Badger season and the Spring Bear hunt as an example, and we will continue to revise the audit period after this and every year after.</p>	
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	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Joe none.</p> <p>Dale was happy to see the no opinion box in the pole that feedback is instructive.</p> <p>He also asked that we get the DLC together on approving the trailer budget. Larry said he would reach out to Rob.</p> <p>Tony asked about warden interviews? Kari said that she sent out the info to Larry and Tony but Larry can't and Tony was unsure. He then said he would find time.</p> <p>Kari none.</p>	
ACTION	Motion by Maas second by Blattler to adjourn. Motion Carried.	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	5:15 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Dale C. Maas
DATE	05/30/2020