



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Legislative Committee Meetings
 Meeting Minutes

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ORDER OF BUSINESS	11/04/2020	6:00 pm	Zoom Meeting
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Scott Gunderson at 6:09pm
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Michael Hamm, Kevin Schanning, Joel Taylor, Dave Larson, Lowell Suring, Chuck Boley, Harold Drake, Todd Cook, Tashina Peplinski, Robert Benson, Colleen Locke, Cody Gadow, Scott Gunderson
EXCUSED	Ronald Fassbender, Peter Helios, Alan Suchla, Tim Gorski
UNEXCUSED	Colin Crawford, John Jones
GUESTS	Falon French, Christopher Tall, Bret Ongemach, Cynthia Samels, Lois Lehman, Alexander Minik, Bruce Keyzer, Corky Meyer, Dan Wetzel, Dave Void, Diane Cain, Jenifer Koberstein, John Nordberg, Judy Mastenbrook, Les Ahrens, Matt O'Brien, Nicole LeDioyt, Patrick Quaintance, Robert Benson, Ron Sabel, Sean Kennedy, Stacy Pettit, Susan Nordberg, Ted Noring, Paul Mulloy, Terri Roehrig, Jon Kennick, Laurie Onasch

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Motion to approve by Harold Drake, second by Kevin Schanning. Motion Carries

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	Started with a moment of silence in honor of Dick Krause.
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Citizen Resolutions

1.	Correct the statewide minimum lake size for highspeed boating (040120)	[PRESENTER]
DISCUSSION	Jim Brakken (Author) sent in comments. Paul Mulloy spoke on behalf of the Wisconsin Small Lakes Association. Paul's research has found that small lakes are generally safer than larger lakes. He asks that any changes be made to local ordinances, not a blanket statewide law change. He also pointed out flaws in the author's math, in that the actual number of acres affected is more like 5 acres. He is concerned that a law like that this would have a significant effect on tourism, and small businesses. Jon Kennick spoke on his experience on the fire department and search and rescue on Lake Winnebago and surrounding small lakes that he had plenty of accidents on the large lakes, but has never been called out on an accident on a small lake. Laurie Onasch from Marquette County spoke on her history living on a small lake since the 1960's, and requested that we do not put this through. General discussion. Motion to approve by Michael, second by Kevin. Motion fails with 2 in favor, 11 opposed.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

2. End killing contests in Wisconsin (040720, 131320, 410420)		[PRESENTER]
DISCUSSION	<p>Cynthia Samels spoke in support of her resolution on behalf of the other 2 authors. Spoke on her experience with finding a waste pile of coyote carcasses. Cynthia feels that killing contests are in direct contradiction to our state's history of hunting.</p> <p>Diane Cain addressed the committee about the benefits of coyotes.</p> <p>Jenifer Koberstein addressed the committee about how the coyotes are a benefit to the eco system, and killing contests open for more aggressive members to move in.</p> <p>Lois Lehmann commented that she has been researching this issue for 2 years, and that when we hunt animals for money it does no justice to hunting.</p> <p>Motion to reject by Joel Taylor, second by Dave Larson.</p> <p>Joel pointed out that it is required to have a license to hold a hunting contest. Everything that they are objecting to is already illegal.</p> <p>Harold Drake spoke with local wildlife management wardens, and they were not able to give one instance wanton waste from these contests.</p> <p>Motion carries to reject.</p>	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

3. Allow trespass authority to DNR wardens (130220, 160220, 540220, 680620)		[PRESENTER]
DISCUSSION	<p>Pat Quaintence spoke on his experience as a retired DNR Warden from Bayfield County. He sees no need to give wardens trespass authority.</p> <p>Robert Benson spoke on his experience in Iowa county, and down there, they feel this is definitely something that would be a help.</p> <p>Chuck Boley agrees with Pat Quaintence.</p> <p>Harold Drake questioned on how this resolution keeps coming before the committee, and he is wondering if this is something that was supported by the wardens, how does this not have legislative support already then.</p> <p>Matt O'Brien felt that there wouldn't be any concerns with adding this to their tools.</p> <p>Motion to advance by Bob Benson, second by Kevin Schanning.</p> <p>Discussion on if there is anything in writing in support from the sheriffs.</p> <p>There appears to be a mixed feeling from both wardens and deputies.</p> <p>Scott pointed out that this wouldn't take away authority from local law enforcement, it would only add another tool for the wardens to use.</p> <p>Roll call vote 10 in favor, 3 opposed. Motion carries.</p>	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

4. Firearm safety education (140420)		[PRESENTER]
DISCUSSION	<p>Harold Drake spoke on the history of the resolution and the bill.</p> <p>Motion to advance Chuck Boley, second by Dave Larson.</p> <p>Tashina Peplinski spoke on her family history and in support of firearm education being the most effective.</p> <p>Kevin asked where the funding, structure and instructors for this would come from.</p> <p>Harold said the original bill mentioned nothing on funding, because this isn't a mandate, just that the curriculum would be developed and offered to the schools.</p> <p>Todd spoke about the shooting sports int he schools is one of the fastest growing sports in the school systems right now.</p> <p>Michael pointed out that it has been taught in the Hayward school district with outside funding. So there are already plans out there that would only need slight modification to put this in place.</p> <p>Motion carries.</p>	
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5.	Allow trappers to access and trap navigable waterways in Wisconsin (411020, 520520, 650120)	[PRESENTER]
DISCUSSION	<p>Corky Meyer spoke on his history as a trapper ed instructor. He spoke on what the difference is between a duck hunter or fisherman compared to a trapper. He feels that there is no need for this, and it would do more harm than anything it would help with.</p> <p>Stacy Pettit brought up how Munninghoff v. Wisconsin Conservation Comm., 38 N.W.2d 712 (Wis. 1949) Wisconsin Supreme Court specifically states that trapping is not included in the public's right to use a navigable waterway. She asks that we not forward this resolution.</p> <p>Motion to reject by Colleen Locke, second Bob Benson.</p> <p>Chuck brought up that Wisconsin State precedence is very clear on this, and it is highly unlikely that anyone would look to overturn that.</p> <p>Joel asked since this has come up a couple times now, and asked if there was any chance of this going anywhere. The general consensus is no.</p> <p>Motion carries.</p>	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

6.	Restore local control by allowing counties to develop ordinances to protect our lakes, rivers, and wetlands (660420)	[PRESENTER]
DISCUSSION	<p>David Vold spoke on the history of this resolution. NR115 County Lake Shore Ordincances changed the laws to state that lake shore ordinances cannot be stricter than the state's.</p> <p>Motion to advance by Kevin, second by Chuck.</p> <p>Discussion.</p> <p>Motion carries.</p>	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

7.	Increase funding for additional scientist positions atthe Office of Applied Sciences(660720)	[PRESENTER]
DISCUSSION	<p>Bruce Keyzer spoke on the background of this resolution.</p> <p>Scott pointed out that this was an open ended resolution, and that sometimes the DLC will not advance this type of resolution.</p> <p>Motion to advance by Kevin, second by Harold.</p> <p>Chuck wanted to point out that adding positions can take time and be difficult.</p> <p>Joel suggested that if we advance, the author should address the DLC.</p> <p>Motion carries.</p>	
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B. Department information items and updates

Sean Kennedy

DISCUSSION	A lot of things were put on hold this spring, but they are expecting things to start moving forward now.	
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C. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC]

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION		
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Michael asked Sean to take a look at our parks with the next round of budget hearings. Todd said that migratory committee is looking for someone to sponsor moving forward with a sandhill crane season. Kevin seconded Todd, and asked the members of the legislative committee to reach out to our legislators and try to get this moved forward.
ACTION	Motion to adjourn by Dave, second by Todd.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	9:02pm
SUBMITTED BY	Tashina Peplinski
DATE	11/04/2020