



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Migratory Advisory Committee
 Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS	02/29/2020	9:30 AM.	Meade Wildlife Area Visitor Center
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Todd Cook at 9:30AM.
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Guy McFarren, Alan Suchla, Todd Cook, Ray Heidel, David Lapine, Paul Gettelmen, Richard Swenson, Jim Engebretson, Bill Lorenz, Rick Knutson, Stephen Kenesie, Eric Wojchik, Wayne Norling, Michael Lane, Bob Ellingson, Jeffrey Giesc, Thomas Berg, Reed Kabelowsky, Ronald Earnest, William Kehoe, Jeffrey Hintz, Taylor Finger DNR Liaison, Wildlife Tyler Strelow DNR Liaison, Law Enforcement
EXCUSED	Kevin Schanning, Timothy Morgan, Don Nelson, Bryce Luchterland
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Reviewed Agenda
ACTION	Agenda approved

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Mission Statement was reviewed by committee
ACTION	A motion to keep Mission Statement as written by Paul Gettelman, second by Bob Ellingson motion passed.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	Paul Gettleman read an email sent by Mary Ellen O'Brien with concerns that Sandhill Crane Hunt is a reoccurring Agenda item.
ACTION	Paul responded with Email with committee approval.

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Department Information items & Updates

Taylor Finger

DISCUSSION	Taylor Finger updated committee on information from the Department: Several items were discussed, including Q/A period to answer concerns of committee. A late Public comment from 2019 season resulted in a contradictory change to season option that differed from Committee original vote and then overturned. The committee will be part of the public input process. Discussed flights to counted Ducks Three each on Miss, River and Lake Michigan-Greenbay. Zones change every five years coming up. Zone option on Waterfowl Hunter Survey- three zones one split. Changing the North dividing line, increasing hen Mallard bag to two. Refer WDNR 2020 season option as posted on website.	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. Committee discussion and position on operational early Teal season 2020 Waterfowl seasons

Todd Cook - Chair

DISCUSSION	A discussion on early Teal and Waterfowl seasons between committee members facilitated by Co-Chair Todd Cook on what recommendation the committee would like to see the Department enact. Discussion was based on the science and data provided by the Department. Refer to WDNR 2020 Season options posted on website.	
ACTION	A motion for 9 day Early Teal by David Lapine 2nd by Paul Gettleman Motion passed Refer to WDNR 2020 Season option posted on website.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

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C. Duck Season [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Discussion by Committee members on Duck season, including Taylor Finger, Migratory Game Bird Ecologist based on Science and data provided by Department. Refer to WDNR 2020 Season options posted on Website	
ACTION	Motion to keep similar by Tom Berg, second by Bill Kehoe motion passed.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

D. Hen Mallard Bag Limit [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Discussion by Committee members on Hen Mallard bag limit with Taylor Finger. Refer to WDNR 2020season options posted on Website for further information.	
ACTION	Motion to increase Hen Mallard bag limit from 1 to 2 ducks by Paul Gettleman second by Eric Wojchik motion passed.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

E. Scaup Season Structure [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Committee discussed data provided by Taylor Finger DNR Bird Ecologist. Refer to WDNR 2020 Season Options posted on WDNR website	
ACTION	North Zone : Motion for 1/day for 15 days first half 2/day second 45 days by GuyMcFarren second by Reed Kabelowsky motion passed South Zone: Motion for 1/day first 15 days 2/day second 45 days by Ronald Ernst second by Jeff Hintz motion passed. Miss. River: Motion for 1 day first 15 days 2 /day second 45 days by Ray Heidel second by Al Suchla motion passed.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

F. Youth Hunt [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	A discussion with committee members about youth hunt.	
ACTION	Motion to keep youth hunt same Sept, 19th to 20th by Ray Heidel second by Jeffry Hintz motion passed.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

G. North Zone Opener [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Using data provided by Taylor Finger committee discussed provided data and concerns/non concerns prior to taking action. Refer to WDNR 2019 Season Options posted on WDNR website.	
ACTION	Motion to start North Zone Oct.3,2020 by Guy McFarren second by James Engebretson motion fails. Motion for North Zone Sept.26 by Reed Kabelowsky second by Bill Kehoe moyion passed.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

H. North Zone Split [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Committee discussed pros/cons on North Zone split. Taylor Finger answered questions by Committee. Refer to WDNR 2020 Season Option posted on WDNR website.	
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ACTION	Motion to have split in North Zone by Richard Swenson second by Jeff Hintz motion Fails Motion for no split by Al Suchla sencond by Bill Kehoe motion passes,
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

I. South Zone Opener [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Taylor Finger presented Department's position on this matter. Refer to WDNR 2020Season Option as posted on WDNR website
ACTION	Motion to have South Zone Opener on Oct. 3rd by Bill Kehoe second by Steve Kenesie motion passes.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

J. South Zone Spilt [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Committee discussed the topic to have or not a Split for South Zone. Q&A with Taylor Finger by Committee.
ACTION	Motion for a South Zone split by Ron Ernst, second by Jeff Hintz motion passes. Motion for a 7 day Split by Jeff Hintz second by Ron Ernst motion Failed.i Motion by Paul Gettleman for 5 day split second by Reed Kabelowski motionpasses.Motion by David Lapine for first half split second by Tom Berg. motion passes.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

K. Miss. River Zone opener [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	A discussion by committee on the season.Refer to WDNR 2020 Season Options posted on WDNR website
ACTION	Motion by Ray Hiedel for Sept.26 opening second by Guy McFarren motion failed. Motion by Bill Kehoe for Oct,3rd opening second by Richard Swenson motion passed, Motion by Ray Hiedel for a split second by Al Suchla motion passed.motion for 12 day split by Ray Hiedel second by Guy McFarren motion failed. Motion for 7day split by Bill Kehoe second by Steve Kenesie motion failed. Motion for 5day split by Paul Gettleman second by Jeff Hintz motion passed. Motion by Ray Hiedel for first half split second by Steve Kenesie motion passed.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

L. Goose Season [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	A discusssion of season by committee and Taylor Finger refer to WDNR 2020 season Option on WDNR website
ACTION	A motion to keep Early Goose similar by James Engebretson second by Paul Gettleman motion passed. Motion to keep Goose similar by Wayne Norling second by Richard Swenson motion passes.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

M. North Zone [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Discussion for a split in the North along Q/A with Taylor Finger with Committee members Refer to WDNR 2020 season options,
ACTION	Motion for no split in the North and no split for Holiday hunt James Engebretson second by Eric Wojchik motion passes
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

N. South Zone [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Committee discussed South Zone Split with Q/A with Taylor Finger. Refer to WDNR 2020 season option on website	
ACTION	Motion by Ron Ernst second by Jeff Hintz for a split and a Holiday Hunt during Duck season.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

O. Miss. River Zone [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Committee discussed Miss. Zone Split with Q/A with Taylor Finger. Refer to WDNR 2020 season option on website	
ACTION	Motion to reflect/coincide with Current Duck Season by Ray Heidel second by Al Suchla motion passes	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

P. Other Migratory Bird Seasons [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Committee discussed Other Migratory Bird Seasons with Q/A with Taylor Finger. Refer to WDNR 2020 season option on website	
ACTION	Motion to keep similar Morning Dove and Woodcock seasons by Guy McFarren second by James Engebretson motion passes. Motion by Paul Gettleman second by Steve Kenesie coot season same of wild ducks motion passes. Motion for Moorhen, Rails and Snipe season Sept.1-Nov.9 by Ray Heidel second by Tom Berg motion passes.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

Q. Update/Status Sandhill Crane Season [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Paul Gettleman informed the committee that he has recieved a email from Mary Ellen O'Brien WCC Environmental Committee Chairman regarding Sandhill Crane Season, Paul replied to email stating that this issue is now in the hands of the State Legislators.	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

R. Zone options [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	A discussion on the three zones and possibility the need to change creating a Lake Michigan Zone and putting Miss. into South Zone. Taylor Finger gave the Dept. view	
ACTION	Paul Gettleman made a motion to change the Zones to North/South/Lake Michigan second by Jeff Giese motion passes.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

S. North Zone Boundary [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	A discussion led by Taylor Finger about North Zone Boundary and possible change	
ACTION	Motion to Use HWY 29 as North Boundary by Guy McFarren second by Ron Ernst motion failed. A Motion to have North/south boundary HWY 64 by Jeff Giese second by Michael Lane motion passes.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

T. Officer of the Year

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Discussed candidates for Officer of the year.	
ACTION	Motion by Paul Gettleman second by Reed Kabelowsky to make Brad Peterson Officer of the Year motion passed	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Conferance call March 24 7pm -8pm
ACTION	none

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	1:40 PM.
SUBMITTED BY	Steve Kenesie
DATE	02/29/2020