Minutes of the Air Water and Waste Study Committee of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Saturday August 29, 2009 Radisson Hotel La Crosse WI

Committee members in attendance: Michael Witkiewicz, Racine County; James Brakken, Bayfield; Dale Crisler, Barron; John Cumming, Ozaukee; Marissa Jablonski, Milwaukee; Gene Reineking, Portage; Marc Schultz, La Crosse; Ronald Vanderloop, Brown; Greg Wysocki, Portage. Other delegates present: Ed Harvey, Manitowoc; Roger Wilson, Douglas. DNR staff in attendance: Tom Krsnich, DNR; Sean M Strom, DNR; Kurt Thiede, DNR. Citizens present: Mike Kapp, Dodge. Excused: Todd Kapp, Kenosha; Ronald Fassbender, Kewaunee; Marty Grosse, Vernon

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Witkiewicz at 1:00 PM. The secretary is excused so a volunteer was requested. Marc Schultz volunteered to be the secretary for the meeting.

Motion by Dale Crisler second by John Cummings to approve the agenda as published. Motion adopted unanimously.

The Mission Statement was reviewed and approved as written.

Kurt Thiede explained the expense voucher process and requested that delegates get their vouchers in soon after the meeting to meet budget deadlines. Kurt also reviewed the status of the DNR Secretary Bill in the Assembly and the Senat

Resolution 500109 Fish Kill Eau Pleine River

Motion by John Cummings to amend the resolution with advice of the author. Second by Greg Wysoki. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 160109 Prohibit lead fishing tackle

Mike Kapp provided written and oral statements regarding the efficacy and cost of banning lead fishing tackle to protect waterbirds. Sean M. Strom WDNR Wildlife Toxicologist provided technical information regarding the impact of lead on woodcock, swans, loons and eagles as well as answered questions of the members.

Ed Harvey WCC Chair told the committee that Tom Hauge WDNR had requested that the AWW Committee examine the implications of lead in the environment. Committee members requested the scope of that inquiry should be more specific as lead in the environment is a broad issue.

After lengthy discussion a motion was made by Jim Brakken second by Marc Schultz to suspend discussion of Resolution 160109 to a future meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 PM.