Wisconsin Conservation Congress
Deer & Elk Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS
A. CALL TO ORDER
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Al Phelan at 9:02 AM

ROLL CALL
EXCUSED Tony Janecek, Arold Ninneman, Terri Rohrig, Joe Helwig, Mike Riggle (Joined us at 2:59 PM), Marlin Laidlaw, David Pagel, Larry Hazen, Joe Caputo, Melvin "Bud" Walker, Jerry Aulik, Kevin Mickelberg-DNR, Dave Zebro-DNR
UNEXCUSED
GUESTS Bob Knorr, Gerald Disher, Diane Ruenger, Paul Smith, Arlyn Splitt

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR
DISCUSSION
ACTION Motion by Yingst, 2nd by Bonde to approve agenda

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT
DISCUSSION The mission of the Deer and Elk Committee of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress is to represent the citizens of Wisconsin by blending the social and biological concerns of hunters, citizens and the Department of Natural Resources to provide successful management of Wisconsin's deer and elk populations and address the interests of all parties.
ACTION none

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS
DISCUSSION none
ACTION

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS
Resolution 030314 Antler point restrictions in Barron and Polk Counties
BRETT MARAVITZ-AUTHOR
DISCUSSION Some members expressed the desire to let this play out through the CDACs of each individual county. However, there were other members that expressed concern over trophy management that may affect how others hunt.
ACTION Motion by Bonde to advance, 2nd by Yingst, Motion by Grabski, 2nd by Bonde to amend to give the option of antler restrictions to each individual CDAC. Amended motion carried by voice vote.
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<th>Resolution 100314 Antler point restrictions in Clark County</th>
<th>LOGAN SCHMITZ-AUTHOR</th>
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<td>DISCUSSION</td>
<td>Kevin Wallenfang and Dan Storm discussed the biology of fawn survival with the author and committee members</td>
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<td>ACTION</td>
<td>Motion by Grabski to include with the previous resolution #030314, 2nd by Seidl. Carried by voice vote.</td>
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<th>Resolution 480114 Ban baiting and feeding of deer from Sept. 1 - end of hunting season</th>
<th>HAROLD HALVERSON-AUTHOR</th>
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<td>DISCUSSION</td>
<td>The author discussed the deer baiting situation in Wisconsin. Haas felt the disease transmission argument doesn't carry water if a ban is not year-round. Gohike felt the year that baiting was banned, hunting was much more fun. Sabota felt feeding and baiting must be split in order to handle the situation. Horvath felt that public resources are being tied up on private land by baiting. Jacobson felt we should promote this to the public vote.</td>
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<td>Motion by Brown to advance, 2nd by Seidl. Carried by voice vote.</td>
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<th>Resolution 110114,130814,131114, 290314, 300214, 400214, 440114, 490414, 570514 Change legal definition of albino and white deer</th>
<th>AMY SPRECHER-AUTHOR RON RUENGER-AUTHOR</th>
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<td>DISCUSSION</td>
<td>The first author discussed the current legal definition of white deer. The 2nd author, Ruenger, talked of the respect and morals that need to be preserved in the hunting community. Chairman Phelan read a letter he received from resolution author Brian Gurske of Pardeeville, WI. Members were concerned over the % definition in the resolution. Some questioned why there was any need to protect white deer, others spoke to the exact opposite.</td>
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<td>ACTION</td>
<td>Motion by Brown to support, 2nd by Seidl. Hand vote passed 8yes, 6 no</td>
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<th>Resolution 370714 Create new elk zone in reintroduction area, increase predator permits</th>
<th>DAVE POLSTER-AUTHOR</th>
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<td>DISCUSSION</td>
<td>The author expressed his desire to protect elk from predators. Kevin Wallenfang discussed actual predator impact on elk. He explained on-going efforts to grow the elk herd.</td>
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<td>ACTION</td>
<td>Motion to reject by Gohike, 2nd by Allen. Motion to reject passed by voice vote.</td>
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<th>Resolution 520114 Allow counties to implement antler point restrictions</th>
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<td>DISCUSSION</td>
<td>Motion by Yingst, 2nd by Grabski to combine 520114 with 030314 and 100314 and defer in the same manner. Passed by voice vote.</td>
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Resolution 720114 Allow white deer hunting in Wood County

[PRESENTER]

**DISCUSSION**

Motion by Grabski, 2nd by Brown to reject. Motion failed by voice vote. Motion by Gerber, 2nd by Horvath to accept. Passed by voice vote.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

**DEADLINE**

Resolution 040114 Divide Bayfield County DMU

[PRESENTER]

**DISCUSSION**

We already have a new unit system based on counties. CDAC can target antlerless tags to various areas within their county.

**ACTION**

Motion to reject by Gohlke, 2nd by Seidl. Passed by voice vote

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

**DEADLINE**

Resolution 490514 Remove CWD designation from Polk County

[PRESENTER]

**DISCUSSION**

Current rules allow no mechanism to get out of CWD designation.

**ACTION**

Motion to reject by Gohlke, 2nd by Yingst. Passed by voice vote.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

**DEADLINE**

Resolution 060114 Wanton waste of deer

MARK NOLL-AUTHOR

**DISCUSSION**

Noll discussed the need to strengthen wanton waste statutes, especially with deer. Members felt that the image of hunters is important.

**ACTION**

Motion to advance by Gohlke, 2nd by Yingst. Passed by voice vote.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

**DEADLINE**

Agenda Item: Use of Drones for Hunting

PHELAN & NOLL

**DISCUSSION**

Discussion centered on the need to perhaps kill this seed before it begins to grow.

**ACTION**

Motion to accept by Yingst, 2nd by Brown. Passed by voice vote.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

**DEADLINE**

Agenda Item: Return DNR authority to implement EAB

MARK NOLL

**DISCUSSION**

Noll provided his line of thinking regarding the need for the DNR to have the EAB tool again. Some counties in the Farmland Zones have current populations that require high antlerless harvests just to sustain their current population levels. Such harvest levels have only been accomplished during previous EAB seasons. Members had a lengthy discussion weighing the negative effects of EAB and the political reality of getting the legislature to return the ability to the Department.

**ACTION**

Motion to advance by Gohlke, 2nd by Yingst, That the Wisconsin DNR be allowed to use an Earn-a-buck deer hunting season again provided it is only within Central Farmland or Southern Farmland Zones of Wisconsin and provided it is only with the annual consent and positive approval of the County Deer Advisory Council (CDAC) in the individual county and/or counties within those previously mentioned zones that require such a season. Passed by voice vote.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

**DEADLINE**

Wildlife Management Update

KEVIN WALLENFANG

**DISCUSSION**

Kevin discussed 2013 Deer Harvest, new rules for 2014, and the CDAC system. Several members had a variety of questions about CDAC for Kevin. He also spoke on developments in the DMAP program and changes in deer registration. About 45 elk calves were born this spring. He announced that the elk re-introduction process is really heating up right now. Negotiations with Kentucky may bring 150 elk into Wisconsin over a three year period.

**ACTION**
## Deer Research Update

**Discussion**

Dustin reported on the possible development of a research project on DNR land in Vilas County regarding forestry and how it relates to deer population levels. Dan discussed Deer Monitoring Metrics. There is an effort to develop a method to determine deer density on an individual property level, and what effect it has on forestry characteristics. Both researchers answered questions from several committee members.

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## III. Members Matters

**Discussion**

Larry Gohlke commented on Deer Fest. Koenig wished everyone a safe season. Brown expressed concern over the many committee members that are in absense. Gerber mentioned problems with noise from the adjacent room. Jacobson commented on the excitement in Jackson County over the Elk Introduction. Bonde thinks we need to prioritise where we want to spend research efforts. Horvath had concerns over the CDAC training that took place in June. Chairman Phelan expressed that the CDAC process is going to be exciting, but it will be a challenge at first.

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<td>August 9, 2014</td>
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