Wisconsin Conservation Congress
District 2 – Fall Meeting
Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS | 08/04/2016 | 7:00 PM | Rolling Oaks Golf Course, Barron, WI

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY | Dave Larson at 7:02 PM

B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES | Mike Britton, Jerald Huston, Jay Koenig, Dave Louis, Wayne Norling, Chandra Stafford, Al Brown, Jack Christenson, Don Dukerschein, Dean Gullickson, Jim Morning, Mike Cran, Joe Tilton, Wally Trudeau, Blake Doud, Robert Reidner, Roger Roehl, Joel Taylor, Dan Vacho, Claude Bovi, Duane Butler, Dave Larson, Jeremy Sarauer

EXCUSED | Brian Melichar, Josh Halberg, Eric Wojchik, Brad Hopp

UNEXCUSED | Ben Anderson, Scott DeRocker, David Ferris

GUESTS | YCC Chippewa County – Cal Smithberg & Emily Flaten, WI DNR staff – Harvey Halvorsen, Kevin Morgan & Michelle Carlisle, Wildlife; Aaron Cole, Fisheries & Russ Fell, Law Enforcement.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/R EPAIR

DISCUSSION | As Presented

ACTION | N/A

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION | N/A

ACTION | N/A

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION | None

ACTION | N/A

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. DNR STAFF UPDATES

DISCUSSION | Wildlife – no realignment plan update available, look at deficits/fiscal impacts on Fish & Wildlife accounts, recruiting five new biologists, VPA program/brochure distributed, land acquisition in Dunn County (Xcel Energy property), NAWCA 7 Grant, land acquisition funds drying up (Stillwater Bridge Mitigation), summer deer watch, extra deer tags become available; CDAC – new initiatives from Governor’s office, stakeholders meetings, deer population metrics, challenge collecting deer aging data & CWD testing.

Fisheries – three new Fisheries supervisors hired, discussed fisheries questions that passed Spring Hearing & were advanced to Fisheries staff.

Law Enforcement – hiring 2017 warden recruit class, recruits will be hired to specific stations, were able to fill seven investigator positions, nothing to share on realignment plan (information be forthcoming in near future), GO Wild – challenges for field staff will be worked thru, deer tagging scenarios & questions, new warden in Polk County, Pete Wetzel

ACTION | Discussion
B. CONSERVATION CONGRESS UPDATES

1. WCC Communication Plan – plan recommends template be provided for delegates; Outreach & Public Relations Committee will continue to work on this with more information to follow.
2. Youth Conservation Plan Update – WCC was awarded grant to assist YCC development; delegates are encouraged to look for interested youth delegates & reach out to youth on natural resource issues
3. Advisory Committee Assignments – reviewed study committee assignments.
4. Advisory Committee Notification – delegates provided feedback on not getting hard copy of agenda mailed to them; any ideas on how to make delegates more aware of committee assignments/meeting dates? Consensus was ability to opt in/out. Possibly include on delegate profile questionnaire.
5. Advisory Committee Evaluation Forms – after advisory committee meetings take time & fill out evaluation form found online under Delegate Resources
6. Delegate Reimbursement Process – 40 cents/mile for study committee meetings, need to file for reimbursement; requires actual signature
7. Unexcused Absences – stressed importance of attending advisory committee meetings; if you can’t attend be sure to contact Committee Chair/Secretary for excused absence; courtesy to let District Councilors & County Chair know; Per Code of Procedures it is delegates responsibility to check meeting minutes to ensure attendance accuracy.
8. Conservation Chronicle – requested feedback from delegates if they’re okay with online version or if they want to receive hard paper copy in mail. Consensus was ability to opt in/out.

ACTION Discussion

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION DNR Land Sale Comments reminder, CDAC – CWD questions, land access concerns, DMAP questions, potential land purchase - Cedar Creek Natural Area, Town of Sampson, Chippewa County

ACTION DNR wildlife staff volunteered to check into Cedar Creek questions

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:59 PM Motion Wally Trudeau and Second Jim Morning

SUBMITTED BY Dave Larson

DATE 08/04/2016
From: Dave and Lesley Larson
To: Lee-Zimmermann, Kari A - DNR; Schmit, Michael D - DNR
Cc: Al Brown
Subject: District 2 - 2016 Fall Meeting Attendance
Date: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 7:52:58 AM

District 2 Fall Meeting Attendance - Thursday August 4, 2016
Totals - 23 present, 3 absent, 4 excused

Barron
Britton, Mike - present
Huston, Jerald - present
Koenig, Jay - present
Louis, Dave - present
Melichar, Brian - excused

Burnett
Anderson, Ben - Absent
DeRocker, Scott - Absent
Ferris, Dave - Absent
Norling, Wayne - present
Stafford, Chandra - present

Chippewa
Brown, Al - present
Christensen, Jack - present
Dukerschein, Don - present
Gullickson, Dean - present
Morning, James - present

Polk
Cran, Michael - present
Halberg, Josh - excused
Tilton, Joe - present
Trudeau, Wally - present
Wojchik, Eric - excused

Rusk
Doud, Blake - present
Reidner, Robert - present
Roehl, Roger - present
Taylor, Joel - present

St. Croix
Bovi, Claude - present
Butler, Duane - present
Hopp, Brad - excused
Larson, Dave - present
Sarauer, Jeremy - present

I hope to have our minutes to you within the next week or so.

Dave