I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

| Meeting called to order by | Larry Bonde at 9 AM |

B. ROLL CALL

| ATTENDEES | 71 of 72 Counties were in attendance showing Menominee County Absent. |
| EXCUSED |
| UNEXCUSED | 71 of 72 Counties were in attendance showing Menominee County Absent. |
| GUESTS | Department staff and Media |

C. Adoption of Rules of Order

| DISCUSSION | Roberts Rules of Order will be adopted to govern this convention. As such the limitation of recognized speakers; allowed time of debate and method of rebuttal were stated. |
| ACTION | Motion by: Waukesha County 2nd by Racine County to adopt. Motion carried. |

D. Agenda Approval and Repair.

| DISCUSSION | Larry requested some flexibility in the agenda to allow for availability of scheduled speakers. |
| ACTION | Motion by: Pierce County, 2nd by Kenosha County to adopt. Motion carried. |

E. Presentation of Colors.

| DISCUSSION | Todd Schaller asked the body to rise for the presentation of colors by the Wisconsin Conservation Wardens Colorguard. |
| ACTION | No action necessary |

F. National Anthem

| DISCUSSION | Warden Clark Delzer sang the National Anthem. |
| ACTION | No action necessary |

G. Memorial Resolutions

| DISCUSSION | Larry read the Memorial Roll for those Wisconsin Conservation Congress Delegates that have past on since our last meeting. |
| ACTION | No action necessary. |

H. Welcome Address

| DISCUSSION | Oshkosh Mayor Steve Cummings welcomed the delegates to Oshkosh. He gave a brief history of the city in the historic use of the rivers. He thanked the delegates for all their efforts on behalf of the citizens of the state and wish them well in their deliberations. |
| ACTION | Information only no action taken. |

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Chairs Addressed to the 2017 Delegation Continued

Larry Bonde, WCC Chair
DISCUSSION
The system can be developed, and this exploratory committee needs to develop the idea on how to move this forward. This idea will be voted on by the Congress just not tomorrow, it will take place either by the District Leadership Council in October/January or if we need to wait and bring this forward next year for the entire body we will do so. The issues are too complex and he has heard from you all. Larry stated that he feels the Congress is doing a good job he appreciates just chairs and asking about their concerns and discussing issues with them, he appreciates everything they did for the Congress in changing the dynamics as it how we operate but he thinks we can do better. He hopes that we as a Congress can bear with him as we look at ways to positively change how the Congress does business in the future.

ACTION
Information only no action taken

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE
Kurt Theide DNR Deputy Sec.

DEADLINE

B. DNR Leadership’s address to the Conservation Congress

DISCUSSION
Kurt welcomed delegates to this year's state convention and recognized the department staff that was in attendance for the convention. These people represent a part of the over 2000 dedicated hard-working members of the DNR staff. Kurt also took a moment to thank the Congress for all their hard work on CDAC's throughout the state, especially those working as County chairs and secretary’s your work on deer management in this state is unprecedented. On behalf of Secretary Stepp and himself I want to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your efforts.

Over the last 3 days he has had the opportunity to travel the state attending events and meetings recognizing and celebrating the department employees as this is employee appreciation week. It gave him an opportunity once again to marvel the bounty that the states natural resources has to offer. The deer with their shaggy coats, the turkeys foraging in fields with the tom's strutting. An eagle soaring along the river and the migration of birds North searching for welfare. These are some of the things that make him appreciate our state and the important role we all play in ensuring these opportunities are there for ourselves and future generations. All of these things were made possible by professionals and volunteers like yourselves along with funding from hunters, fishers and trappers. We all can realize that we have accomplished much but yet there is still more to do and it comes as no secret that our numbers are diminishing. It is important as we move forward that we instill in the citizenry value of our natural resources, how we manage it provides a strong foundation for our economy, our health, and quality of life.

For that reason during the recent department realignment effort we went all in on R’3 and that stands for recruitment, retention and reactivation of hunters fishers and trappers.

We have seen the successful reintroduction of the wild Turkey and enjoy a liberal waterfowl season. We have a vibrant deer population and lead the nation in black bear harvest offering a record number of permits during the 2017 season. We’ve been told by a federal judge outside our borders that we are unable to manage a species through hunting and trapping. Yet we’ve proven our ability to manage the population for 3 consecutive harvest seasons not exceeding are targeted goal. It is time we give back the management of the Gray Wolf to our professionals here in the state. We are attempting to further our position through favorable rulings and federal legislation but I would encourage you to stay engaged as this process is ever changing.

CWD still exists and we haven’t been able to find that silver bullet to a favorable conclusion of this disease. We continue to invest in research to better understand all facets of the disease. We haven’t stopped investigating or have we stopped trying need to be realistic that there is no perfect answer.

This is not all about challenges we need to recognize and celebrate our successes, last summer in Black River Falls and elk bugled for the 1st time in a century. He congratulated the Jackson County delegates for their efforts in this process. We have concluded our reintroduction process in Jackson County and moved our focus to diversifying the genetics in the clam Lake heard. Our goal is to still offer the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to harvest and elk in the future.

From the fisheries perspective and you will hear about this from the governor later as he relates his fishing experience in the governors open. He liked other anglers in the state are enjoying the extended growth walleyes that are being introduced into our waters. Looking to our East anglers on Lake Michigan are hopeful that we can maintain that trophy class fishery, we adjusted stocking numbers this past year put an emphasis on the highly prized game fish in this Lake in an effort to introduce sustainable harvest opportunities.

They have also engaged the stakeholders as we work to provide a stable Bobcat harvest in the future.

He thanked Chairman Bonde personally for his part in these efforts, Larry and I have a good personal relationship and because of that we can discuss with each other what things were doing right and what things we need to look at differently.

Our strategic realignment plan of which you will hear more details later, has been a compilation of many ideas in our effort to meet our needs with ever decreasing funding. Please stay tuned and engaged as there will be more stakeholder opportunities for you to weigh in on the process. Your your ideas and that of the conservation leaders throughout the state will be used to help formulate plans as we move forward. We as a department want you to be sure that we are investing your efforts and your dollars the most productive way possible.

Another area that I wanted to talk to you about this morning and was mentioned earlier by your chair is relevancy, how do we stay relevant? How do we best share our methods, how do we best communicate and make sure the public sees the importance of the work that we all do. We have to be ready to rise to the challenge by being creative. Sometimes taking risks and moving away from the norm to committing to the fact that sometimes the way we’ve always done things may not be the best way. And most important the way we’ve done and model of the North American plan for conservation for over a century. We need to do this together. This is the reason he believes we will be successful here in Wisconsin because we are fostering a partnership with
the conservation Congress. You are unique in the nation and should feel proud of all you have accomplished for challenging the way you've always done things through three-year strategic planning efforts and hours of debate that you already have put into in the many many hours of debate yet to come to try and find a way to keep more of the hunters fishers and trappers engaged in the process. For whatever reason a large number of our citizenry are not attending our spring hearings and he is confident that we as a Congress will find a solution. He is also confident that whatever we do will make the Congress stronger and not weaker and he ensured us that the department is with us on that journey. He closed his presentation with a short video that was presented to the Natural Resources Board on the accomplishments of 2016 showcasing many accomplishments from last year. Kurt also noted that the departments crack video crew had reached over 1,000,000 views on its YouTube channel.

ACTION: Informational only. No action taken.

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE: DEADLINE

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C. Natural Resources Board Comments

Terry Hilgenberg, Natural Resources Board Chair

DISCUSSION: Terry said it was great to be with the Congress this morning. He stated he was born and raised in Wisconsin and aside from a few years during college he has been a resident of the state for all his life. Wisconsin is a great state to be from and offers us many many things, 1st and foremost great people. People like yourselves dedicating their time and talents and money participating in the process to be stewards of our Natural Resources. Our state has some of the most outstanding natural resources than any other state, and sometimes we forget that. All you have to do is drive around a little bit and you will see some of the most fantastic natural resources, whether it is the high bluffs along the Mississippi, our northern forests sand country planes. From northern Lake Superior to the shores of Lake Michigan the resources of Wisconsin are there for everyone to enjoy.

When he moved back to Wisconsin after completing his schooling, he returned back home to Shawano. He immediately noticed a tremendous improvement to the water quality on Shawano Lake. After questioning what might've been done to make this improvement he discovered the partnership between local government and the DNR that improve water quality by the installation of the sewer system. The cooperation of the department the state of Wisconsin and the federal government along with local leaders undertook the largest municipal sewer project ever constructed in the Midwest at that time. While today he can actually see his feet when standing in 4 feet of water what an achievement. It took a lot of people making changes to achieve this goal, it was expensive and was a different way of doing things.

Changes, a difficult thing to do, we must do a better job at engaging the public changes are constant and it is a fact of life as we do business. The department had 3500 employees in the past we now have 2300. We must find a way to do more with less, we are on a mission; the mission to preserve and enhance our Natural Resources for the present and future generations is our goal. In business we must change to survive, running the State Natural Resources Department also requires change. There are many different ways we can do business, new technology including videoconferencing or in some cases the old-fashioned conference calls allow us to have more people involved and reduce the cost. As a board we do not make the laws that we must consider on what is the right thing to do. Change is constant let's find the ways that work. He thanked the Congress for all the work and effort you put in and appreciates the advice that you provide the Natural Resources Board.

ACTION: Informational only. No action taken

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE: DEADLINE

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D. Governors Address

Gov. Scott Walker

DISCUSSION: Gov. Walker addressed the delegation and thanked them for all the efforts on behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin. He stated he just left Volk field for the 6th deployment of the 128th Air Control Squadron, please put them in your prayers for the same journey and a safe return. He thanked and recognized the WCC youth Congress along with the fact that one of the original youth delegates was recently elected a regular delegate representing her county. He mentioned that CWD test 15 years ago took 95 days one of his goals is to reduce that to 3. It is important for safety and to understand the science of CWD and we need to make testing faster and easier. Hunters in the field are some of our best resources, for CWD observations and predator control. He is working for federal intervention to reinstate our wolf management plan.

Fishing draws 300,000 visitors to Wisconsin and millions of dollars of revenue, it provides a great experience and that will bring them back. The extended growth while the initiative is enhancing the opportunities for success in increasing the public's interest in Wisconsin. He is committed like you to pass the great outdoors along for future generations.

There are more challenges on the horizon along with physical responsibilities working together. He is certain we can continue to enjoy Wisconsin's natural resources now and for future generations. Thank you again for all your work not just on natural resources but also promoting our great state.

ACTION: Informational only. No action necessary.

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE: DEADLINE
### E. Youth Conservation Congress Draft Plan

| DISCUSSION | See link to presentation. After the presentation there was a motion by Racine County 2nd by Calumet County to adopt plan. Motion carried. |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |

### F. WCC Presentations

| DISCUSSION | Various |
| DISCUSSION | Mike Rogers Chairman of the WCC Bear Committee gave a brief history on the Learn to Hunt Bear Tag Program. He then announced the 2017 recipient Gavin Wright. Gavin came up on the podium and read his essay. Qualified him for the hunt. Dave and Gary Maybe will be the mentors on Gavin’s hunt. Donations will be accepted from the floor to offset costs. Rob Bohmann Chair of the WCC Friends group presented a check to the Midwest Outdoor Heritage Education Expo (MOHEE) for $1500. This money will be used for bus scholarships (transportation) to this year’s Expo. The money being donated was raised off of last year’s convention fund raiser. This year’s Expo attendance projections are up 15% over last year’s with 2, 704 students and 503 support staff expected to be there. |
| ACTION | Information only. No further action taken. |

### G. Announcement of new District Counselors for 2017

| DISCUSSION | Larry Bonde |
| ACTION | Report of previous action. |

### H. R3: Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation

| DISCUSSION | Keith Warnke /John Motoviloff |
| DISCUSSION | Keith reviewed what many of the morning speakers had said including the governor about the vision of recruitment, retention, and reactivation. It stated that the difficult part of the process is to physically get people to participate in the programs stating that the next speaker will get into the details on how to make this happen. He then introduced John Motoviloff. |
| ACTION | Information only. No action taken. |

### I. WCC Congress Advisory Questions

| DISCUSSION | Larry Bonde |
| DISCUSSION | Question 40: spearing rough fish 24 hours a day. Motion by Monroe 2nd by Lafayette to adopt. Motion carried. Question 41: Willow Flawage muskellunge size limit increase. Motion by Price 2nd by Clark to adopt. Motion carried. Question 42: Wisconsin River system muskellunge size limit increase (Adams County). Motion by Monroe County 2nd by Portage County to adopt. Motion carried. Question 43: Cisco daily bag limit. Motion by Jefferson County 2nd by Washington County to adopt. Motion carried. Question 44: Bass size and bag limit on Pelican Lake (Oneida County). Motion by Oneida County 2nd by Langlade County to adopt. Motion carried. Question 45: Catherine Lake muskellunge size increase (Oneida County). Motion by Oneida County 2nd by Richland County to adopt. Motion carried. Question 46: Increase Wisconsin inland waters trout stamp fee. Motion by Monroe County 2nd by Outagamie County to adopt. Motion carried. Question 47: Allow live bait, catch and keep fishing for trout on Castle Rock Stream (Grant County) from Castle Rock town Bridge to the County Q Bridge. Motion by Waukesha County 2nd by Florence County to adopt. Motion carried. Question 48: Change trout regulations on devils Creek in Rusk County. Motion by Rusk County 2nd by Chippewa County to |
adopt. Motion carried.

Question 49: Add Rock County to ch. NR.45.09(5) WIS. ADM. code to allow regulation of shooting on DNR lands. Motion by Rock County 2nd by Jefferson County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 50: Allow archery hunting during the entire deer season at Lake Wissota State Park. Motion by Chippewa County 2nd by Clark County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 51: Online order accessibility. This question was referred by the chair to a special Ad Hoc Committee to do further investigation on the issue. No action taken at this time.

Question 52: Establish a new bear hunting zone E South of Highway 10. Motion by Buffalo County 2nd by Kenosha County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 53: Control impact of Sheep Head in Green Bay. Motion by Jefferson County 2nd by Door County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 54: Mississippi River 3 fish over 18 inch daily walleye limit; March 1-May 31 (Walleye). Motion by Pierce County 2nd by Jefferson County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 55: Mississippi River 15 inch to 18 inch slot size limit March 1-May 31 (Walleye). Motion by Monroe County 2nd by Trempealeau County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 56: Aquatic Furbearer research funding. Motion by Door County 2nd by Manitowoc County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 57: Landowner coyote cable restraint. Motion by Oconto County 2nd by Bayfield County to reject. Motion adopted question rejected.

Question 58: Legalizing the use of cable restraints before December 1 on private land. Motion by Wood County 2nd by Dodge County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 59: Southern mink and muskrat season opening dates. Motion by Waushara County 2nd by Calumet County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 60: use of flights to scan after dark for predator calling. Motion by Buffalo County 2nd by La Crosse County to adopt. Motion carried.

Questions 61: Wisconsin policy concerning beavers. Motion by Adams County 2nd by Clark County to adopt. Motion carried.

Questions 62: Increasing the maximum jaw spread for foothold traps used in wet sets. Motion by La Crosse County 2nd by Ashland County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 63: moratorium on new state stormwater and air permits for frac sand mining and processing. Motion by Bayfield County 2nd by Sawyer County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 64: Support increased planting/maintenance of milkweed. Motion by Rusk County 2nd by Richland County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 65: Lead reclamation. Motion by Door County 2nd by Kenosha County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 66: Restore DNR compliance to Clean Water Act. Motion by Adams County 2nd by Dane County to adopt. Motion carried.

Questions 67: Support for WCC with DNR and legislative action needed to address the remaining issues. Motion by Washington County 2nd by Waushara County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 68: Repeal the iron mining law. Motion by Oneida County 2nd by Lincoln County to reject. Motion failed. Motion by Sawyer County 2nd by Adams County to adopt. Motion carried.

Questions 69: DNR authority to suspend application for the study of pollution impacts motion by Waushara County 2nd by Manitowoc County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 70: Control of high capacity wells. Motion by La Crosse County 2nd by Dunn County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 71: Support legislation to suspend approval for a well that has caused impact or impairment to area wells, wetlands or surface waters. Motion by Price County 2nd by Florence County to adopt. Motion carried.

Questions 72: Oppose the Enbridge Pipeline expansion. Motion by Richland County 2nd by Columbia County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 73: Reciprocity dog training privileges. Motion by Bayfield County 2nd by Wood County to reject. Motion failed. Paddle vote was called for. 29 yes 42 no motion failed. Motion by Door County 2nd by Florence County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 74: Support legislation which would authorize a reciprocity agreement to allow non-residents to train their dogs in Wisconsin if there homestead allows Wisconsin residents to train dogs on the same species in that state. Motion by Florence County 2nd by Bayfield County to reject. Motion failed. Motion by Dunn County 2nd by La Crosse County to adopt Motion carried.

Question 75: Reduce archery/gun deer license fee for Wisconsin military veterans over 70. Motion by Pepin County 2nd by Lafayette County to adopt. Motion carried.

Questions 76: Restore state funding to state parks. Motion by Sauk County 2nd by Iowa County to adopt. Motion carried.

Questions 77: Disabled hunters needing assistance to harvest legally wounded animal. Motion by Walworth County 2nd by Rusk County to adopt. Motion carried.

Questions 78: Maintain stewardship 5. Motion by Sawyer County 2nd by Rock County to adopt. Motion carried.

Questions 79: Restructuring of conservation warden funding. Motion by Oneida County 2nd by Clark County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 80: Sandhill crane hunting season. Motion by Rusk County 2nd by Monroe County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 81: Support license fee increase to fund some cold water fish hatcheries. Motion by Green Lake County 2nd by
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**J. 2017 DNR Spring Hearing Results**

Scott reported on the department results from the spring hearing process after much discussion the following considerations were made:

Question 1. Consistent last day of season for archery deer, turkey, pheasant, and fisher. Department position to advance. Motion by Lafayette County 2nd by Langlade County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 2. Option to extend archery deer season in farmlands on units that also have holiday hunts upon CDAC recommendations. Department position to advance. Motion by Washington County 2nd by Door County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 3. List Eurasian Collared doves as an unprotected species. Department position to advance. Motion by Taylor County 2nd by Florence County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 4. List Monk parrots as a predating species under wildlife damage and nuisance control rules. Department position to advance. Motion by Jefferson County 2nd by Dodge County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 5. Allowing the possession of shotgun slugs at any time while hunting. Department position to advance has changed will not advance. WCC position reject (fail).

Question 6. Eliminating restrictions on the size of shot that may be possessed while hunting (except for migratory bird regulations). Department position to advance has changed will not advance. WCC position reject (fail).

Question 7. Eliminating the minimum barrel length restrictions for handguns that are used for hunting. Department position to advance has changed will not advance. WCC position reject (fail).

Question 8. Eliminating restrictions on the use of 410 caliber firearms. Department position to advance has changed will not advance. WCC position reject (fail).

Question 9. Eliminating requirements to use pelle guns of at least .17 caliber for hunting certain small game species. Department position to advance has changed will not advance. WCC position reject (fail).

Question 10. No one may hunt with a weapon or ammunition that is not reasonably capable of reducing an animal to one's possession. Department's position to advance has changed will not advance. WCC position reject (fail).

Question 11. Consolidate fisher management zones from the current 6 zones to 2 zones divided by state Hwy. 64. Department position to advance. Motion by Dodge County 2nd by Outagamie County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 12. Manage otters with an objective to maintain stable numbers of animals but eliminate the specific population. Department position to advance. Motion by Dodge County 2nd by Jefferson County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 13. Consolidate otter management zones to 2; a North and a South zone divided by State Hwy. 60. Department position to advance. Motion by Price County 2nd by Waushaca County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 14. Eliminate all turkey permit drawing in favor of over-counter issuance. Department position to advance. Motion by Florence County 2nd by Waushaca County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 15. Repeal the once-time limit for participating in learned-to-hunt program events. Department position to advance. Motion by Oneida County 2nd by Door County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 16. Eliminate the Wolf River watershed closed area in Winnebago County, Town of Wolf River. Department position to advance, WCC position to reject. (due to local votes in favor department will advance).

Question 17. Eliminate the Van Lom beaver and after trapping closed area in the Town of Holland in La Crosse County. Department position to advance. Motion by La Crosse County 2nd by Dodge County to adopt. Motion carried.

Question 18. Reduce the size of the Theresa Marsh Wildlife Refuge in Dodge and Washington Counties. Department position to advance, WCC position to reject (due to local votes in favor department will advance).

Question 19. Trolling. This question was amended to 3 lines one hook except Sawyer and Vilas County. Department position to advance as amended. Motion by Sawyer County 2nd by Oneida County to adopt. Motion carried.
### Question 20
Shorter process to change regulations to general statewide regulations or in response to a fish consumption advisory. Department position to advance as amended. Motion by Monroe County 2nd by Dane County to adopt. Motion carried.

### Question 21
Increase daily bag limit from 3 to 5 bass on waters where bass are managed with a slot limit. Department position to advance. Motion by Adams County 2nd by Door County to adopt. Motion carried.

### Question 22
Walleye-Fond du Lac, Kenosha, Racine, Rock, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, and Vilas counties. Department position to advance. Motion by Fond du Lac County 2nd by Kenosha County to adopt. Motion carried.

### Question 23
Continuous open fishing season for certain waters in Jackson, Monroe, Trempealeau, and La Crosse Counties. Department position to advance. Motion by La Crosse County 2nd by Washington County to adopt. Motion carried.

### Question 24
No minimum length and daily bag limit of 5 for trout on certain waters Sawyer County. Department position to advance. Motion by Sawyer County 2nd by Rush County to adopt. Motion carried.

### Question 25
17-inch minimum and daily bag of 2 lake trout, 1st Saturday in January through September 30 in Golo Lake, Langlade County. Department position to advance. Motion by Langlade County 2nd by Monroe County to adopt. Motion carried.

### Question 26
Bass harvest opportunity-Adams, Marquette, Florence, Polk, Sauk, and Walworth counties. Department position to advance. Motion by Buffalo County 2nd by La Crosse County to adopt. Motion carried.

### Question 27
Bass harvest opportunity- Forest and Oconto County. The department position to advance. Motion by Forest County 2nd by Waushara County to adopt. Motion carried.

### Question 28
Quality bass management -Bayfield, Douglas, and Sawyer counties. This question was amended to exempt Lake Nabagamon in Douglas County. Department position to advance as amended. Motion by Douglas County 2nd by Sawyer County to adopt. Motion carried.

### Question 29
Fishing research on Nebish Lake, Vilas County. Department position to advance. Motion by Vilas County 2nd by Adams County to adopt. Motion carried.

### Question 30
Quality bass management-Dane, Vilas, and Lincoln Counties. Department position to advance. Motion by Buffalo County 2nd by Langlade County to adopt question 30 through question 38. Motion carried.

### Question 31
Quality muskellunge management-Dane, Lafayette, Portage, Sawyer, and Vilas Counties. Department position to advance. WCC position to advance.

### Question 32
Musk management-Adams, Chippewa, Columbia, Dane, Juneau, Marquette, Oneida, Rusk, Sauk, Vilas, and Walworth counties. Department position to advance. WCC position to advance.

### Question 33
Quality Northern Pike management-Waushara County. Department position to advance. WCC position to advance.

### Question 34
Northern Pike harvest opportunity-Racine County. Department position to advance. WCC position to advance.

### Question 35
Quality pan fish management-Oconto, Oneida, and Rock Counties. Department position to advance. WCC position to advance.

### Question 36
Quality pan fish management-Iron County. Department position to advance. WCC position to advance.

### Question 37
Pan fish harvest opportunity-Racine County. Department position to advance. WCC position to advance.

### Question 38
Quality Pan fish management-Price County. Department position to advance. WCC position to advance.

### Question 39
Hook and Line muskellunge harvest tag (NRB question 1912 yes 1865 no past in 30 counties failed and 393 counties). Motion by Price County 2nd by Columbia County to reject. Motion carried.

### K. 2017 Wildlife Program Updates

**Eric Lobner, Bureau Director**

**DISCUSSION**

Eric gave the following update on behalf of wildlife management:

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### L. 2017 Fisheries Program Updates

**Justine Hasz, Bureau Director**

**DISCUSSION**

Justine gave the following update on behalf of Fisheries Management:

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### M. Law Enforcement Program Update

**Todd Schaller, DNR Chief Warden**

**DISCUSSION**

Todd gave the following update on behalf of LE:

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| O.     | Forestry Program Update | Tom Duke, DNR Northwest Regional Forester |
| DISCUSSION | Tom gave the following update on behalf of forestry: |
|         | .................................................. insert presentation ................. |
| ACTION |          |          |

| P.     | Day Two | [PRESENTER] |
| DISCUSSION | The Congress adjourned for the day at 5:30 PM (5/13/17) and reconvened at 8:35 AM (5/14/17). Roll call showed 65 of the 72 counties in attendance, the following counties were absent: Barron County, Brown County, Dane County, Menominee County, Richland County, Shawano County, and Vernon County. There were 10 WCC youth delegates in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Larry announced the 2017 Executive Committee election results they are as follows: Chairman: Larry Bonde, Vice Chairman: Al Shook, Secretary: Dale Maas, Public Relations: Joel Taylor, Historian: Joe Weiss |
| ACTION | As stated. |

| Q.     | Angler Education | Frank Pratt, delegate Sawyer County |
| DISCUSSION | Frank gave a presentation on his version of angler education and what role the Wisconsin conservation Congress could and should be having in this process. |
|         | .................................................. insert presentation................................. |
| ACTION |          |          |

| R.     | Proposed Code of Procedure Changes | Tony Blattner, Rules and Resolutions Committee Chair |
| DISCUSSION | Tony directed the Congress to go to tab 4 page 4 in the convention booklet to follow along. Section 5 (a) (2) changing the word two to three. And also in (6) doing the same. Motion by Racine County 2nd by Monroe County to adopt. Motion carried page 6 section VII (a) (2) adding "or on social media". This item will be handled by the District Leadership Council at their next meeting. Page 14 section IX (A) (B) these are house keeping changes to mirror the Natural Resources Committee position changing it to Elections. And Ethics Commission. Motion by La Crosse County 2nd by Racine County to adopt. Motion carried. Page 16 section X (D) (2) deleting Congress, vote and automatic, inserting at the request of authors and to the state wide ballot. Motion by Pierce County 2nd by La Crosse County to adopt. Motion carried. |
| ACTION |          |          |
Same section (E) delete "the rules and resolutions committee forwards" insert "is forwarded". Motion by Door County 2nd by Kenosha County to adopt. Motion carried.

Page 17 same section (E) (3) top of the page amended to read if the resolution author is present, they shall be provided the opportunity to support their resolution at the time there resolution is presented, prior to any action being taken.

Motion by Racine County 2nd by Kenosha County to approve as amended. Motion carried. 

Page 17 section XIII delete entire section and insert section titled Disciplinary Action. Motion by Kenosha County 2nd by Jefferson County to adopt. Motion carried.

A motion by Sheboygan 2nd by Racine County amend section XIII (7)(c) be removed. There was much debate on the ramifications of this section both for and against.

Secretary Maas questioned who was going to be the keeper of the information currently if we meet in closed session to discuss personnel disciplinary actions we have no records taken nor storage dedicated for confidential matters. He appreciates all the work that the rules of resolutions committee put into this that until we have some of those areas that are identified he feels that this would be an inappropriate action to take.

Motion to amend by Fond du Lac County 2nd by Washington County to amend XIII (A) to read each delegate may be subject instead of shall be subject. Motion carried.

Page 17 section XIII delete entire section and insert section titled Disciplinary Action. Motion by Kenosha County 2nd by Jefferson County to adopt. Paddle vote showed 44 yes and 11 no. Motion carried.

Page 20 XIV and XV approve as amended motion by Milwaukee County 2nd by a Kenosha County to adopt. Motion carried. Motion by Portage County 2nd by Waukesha County to accept recommendations of rules and resolutions committee. Motion carried.

Switching to resolutions:

1.1051 / make fluorescent yellow another color that can be worn during gun deer season assign to Deer and Elk. Motion by Racine County 2nd by Douglas County to adopt. Motion carried.

410717 / require all hunting dogs injured or killed be examined by a veterinarian before compensation, assign to Wolf committee. Motion by Sauk County 2nd by Chippewa County to adopt. Motion failed.

480117 / allow individual CDACs to make local decisions regarding hunting and feeding assign to Deer and Elk committee. Motion by Racine County 2nd by Douglas County to adopt. Motion failed.

520117 / allow the use of large-caliber pneumatic rifles and bows for hunting large game assign to Deer and Elk. Motion by Racine County 2nd by Douglas County to adopt. Motion failed.

570517 / limit the number of deer gun hunters in some state parks assign to Deer and Elk. Motion by Sauk County 2nd by Wood County to adopt. Motion carried. Paddle vote 24 yes 23 no.

670110 / implement back tags for deer hunting assign to Deer and Elk. Motion by Racine County 2nd by Jefferson County to adopt. Motion failed.

670117 / re-implement back tags for deer hunting assigned to Deer and Elk. Motion by Sauk County 2nd by Jefferson County to adopt. Motion failed.

690217 / new combo license to include fishing, small game, gun deer, and archery deer moved to legislative committee. Motion by Waupaca County 2nd Door County. Motion carried.

690317 / amend license combo to allow for choice between gun and archery deer. Motion by Racine County 2nd by Iowa County to table. Motion carried.

720217 / create a senior citizen patron license. Motion by Racine County 2nd by Pierce County to table. Motion carried.

Motion by Kenosha County 2nd by Fond du Lac County to approve the rules and resolutions committee recommendations as amended. Motion carried.

Motions acted on from the floor:

Resolution 200117 / continue publication of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine. Motion by Kenosha County 2nd by Door County to advance. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 410517 / Preserve funding for Great Lakes restoration initiative. Motion by Iowa County 2nd by Lincoln County to advance. Motion carried unanimously.

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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

**DISCUSSION**
Ashland requested support for placing a sports person on the negotiating committee with the tribes and made that motion which was declared out of order. They also requested support for additional stocking of lake trout in the Apostle Islands area.
La Crosse County requested consideration for question 51 and asked that it be brought back for discussion on the floor. The chair stated that question 51 is not a determined position he has made the ruling that this is out of order and that this will be reviewed by a special committee and reported back.
Oneida County requested that suggestion sheets be available and that those could be turned into District Leadership Counselors for review.
Chair Bonde extended a thank you to District 7 for their work on the hospitality room and proceeds of $1361 will be turned over to the Friends of the Conservation Congress as proceeds.
Dale Maas Co-chair of District 7 expressed his thank you to all the delegates from District 7 and a special thank you to Michael Pfankuch from Winnebago County and James Binder from Waupaca County for taking the lead on organizing and running the hospitality room. Dale also thanked Artlyn Splitt, who chose not to run as co-chair for all his work in that leadership position.
Larry also mentioned that as we leave the convention we should take a minute to thank Terry, Linda, Adam, Kari and Mike. It takes a lot of coordination an effort to put on a convention like this and without the department staff helping in their dedicated efforts it would not run as smoothly as it does.
Motion by Waushara County 2nd by Dodge County to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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