# WCC Secretary Meeting Minutes

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress**

**Meeting Minutes**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

| 05/02/2017 | 5:30 PM | JT CDAC / Ex Committee Conference Call |

## I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

### A. CALL TO ORDER

**Meeting called to order by**

| Larry Bonde at 5:31 PM |

### B. ROLL CALL

**ATTENDEES**


**EXCUSED**

**UNEXCUSED**

**GUESTS**

- DNR staff: Kevin Wallenfang, Robert Nick.

### C. Agenda approval or repair

**DISCUSSION**

Larry stated that there were no changes to the agenda as posted.

**ACTION**

Motion by Fahney 2nd by Maas to approve agenda as posted. Motion carried.

### D. Review of CDAC oversight committee mission statement

**DISCUSSION**

The mission statement for the oversight committee was read. There were no suggested amendments or changes at this time.

**ACTION**

Motion by Weiss 2nd by Shook to approve mission statement as read. Motion carried.

### E. Public comments

**DISCUSSION**

Larry asked if there was any members of the general public online and if they had any comments.

**ACTION**

There being no public comments no action was taken.

## II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

### A. Review CDAC recommendations and DNR recommendations

**Kevin Wolenfang**

**DISCUSSION**

Kevin reported that all CDAC County recommendations were received by the DNR and reviewed by the Department Deer Advisory Committee. He further reported that while there were some questions a majority of the recommendations were accepted with the exception of 3 counties.

The following counties recommendations are up for review:

1. Door County: their recommendation was for 1C antlerless deer harvest permits per license sold in their county. While the county overall goal was to reduce the size of the herd there are some problematic issues with this proposal. Based on previous years harvest only 3 hunters take more than 5 farmland deer and it is believed that the harvest rates as proposed would not fall within their proposal. From a logistics stand point if this proposal was approved it will require licensing agents to print off 9 sheets of extra paper based on the current printing format. The department does not want to burden the license vendors with the cost and time to do this printing considering the historical records of 3 hunters in the entire county harvesting up to 5 deer each.

   Questions were asked about information available to the county delegation and what the department was hearing from their people on the committee. It was also questioned whether anyone from the department questioned the proposal before the committee took action. Kevin said that he felt that the committee was searching to find available tools to address their concerns of high deer numbers within their county, and were trying to send a message that they needed additional tools up to and including an option for a buck knowing that this is something that would have to be legislated.

2. Vilas County their proposed quota of 600 antlerless deer along with a recommendation of 0 quota for first-time youth hunters causes concern. The deer committee feels that changing this to allow a youth 17 and under to shoot an antlerless deer would fall within normal parameters.

3. Bayfield County their proposal to harvest 3800 antlerless deer is causing some local concerns adjoining counties harvest requests are much lower.

   Kevin mentioned that in reality having only 3 out of 72 counties having their proposals questioned was very good. The Congress delegates stressed the need to find a way to reduce these types of issues in the future prior to CDAC committees making and voting on county proposals only to have them questioned. The committees recognize the various county concerns throughout the state and the difficulty that each county brings to the table but in order to strengthen and give the public confidence in the process, away must be found.

   Dale asked what the process is moving forward with these 3 issues. Kevin stated he would like to contact the 3 county committees in question and attempt to work out a compromise. Al Shook requested that he be involved in any conference calls.
that the department has with these county committees. Kevin stated that he would be happy to include Al as the chair of the CDAC oversight committee in these discussions and that he hopes within the next week and certainly prior to the Natural Resources Board meeting have these issues resolved. Al also noted that there is a need to better instruct committees on how to achieve their goal. Goals are set for a three-year plan giving you one year increments to make adjustments within that 3 year period. It is not realistic to expect achieving your three-year goal in one year.

Satisfied with the work of the county committees given the complexity and newness of the process. As with any new plan there are always some minor adjustments that need to be made and he is confident that moving forward issues like this will be addressed before county votes are taken.

We also need to bear in mind that these are recommendations made to the Natural Resources Board.

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B. N/A

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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

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<td>Ed mentioned an issue that he had in Sheboygan County’s formula used by the department to determine the number of tags issued versus the goal. He stated that the committee along with the department representative did not agree with the rounding of the formula that they had used in the past. Kevin stated that the formula had not changed and that he would like to see the data that was presented in Sheboygan County. They had a new staff member that presented at the committee meeting and maybe there was some misunderstanding. Ed said that he would forward the hard copies to Kevin and the rest of the committee for their review. He also stated that this caused considerable concern at their meetings and spoke to a believability issue. Kevin stated he would review the information and get back to the committee at a later date. There were no other member matters brought up at this time. Motion by Lee 2nd by Weiss to adjourn. Motion carried meeting adjourned.</td>
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

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