Wisconsin Conservation Congress
Wolf Committee
Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS

12/08/2018 1:00p.m. Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Center

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Bill Yingst at 1:00p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES
Guy McFarren, Kevin Schaning, Jack Christenson, Mathew Lallemont, Micheal Lane, Richard Krawze, Arden Loker, Mike Hurlburt, Bill Yingst, Jeffery Giese, Scott McAuley, Steven Ninneman, Randy Connour, Paul Witalison, Steven Staver, Micheal Rodgers, Lowell Wright, Davis Lois

EXCUSED
John Piechowski-Waushara

UNEXCUSED
Jerald Huston-Barron

GUESTS
Laurie Groskopf, Jeremy Parish, Jennifer Garde, Connie Connord, Dan Michels, Zach Zulegergy, Rick Seliger, Kevin Gansturd, Glenn Stauffer, Al Lobner, Jamie Shomach, Andy Nowinsky, Kyle Miller, Kelsie Boether, Dave Miller, Keith Murray, Erik Schyuinck, Tom Tiffany

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION None

ACTION Motion to approve Richard Krawze, second Steve Staver--Passed Unanimously

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION Chair Yingst read the Mission statement

ACTION Motion to approve Mike Rodgers, second Randy Connour--Passed Unanimously

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION Laurie Groskopf-- Representing self wide ranging comments; Jeremy Parish-Representing Wolf Patrol-Wants to revisit wolf management; plan; Erik Schyvinsk Representing self (did not sign up in advance) wants to restore greater predator prey relationships in the state;

ACTION None

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Check Box for Citizen Resolutions

1. Citizen Resolution 410918

Presented by Committee Chai Bill Yingst

DISCUSSION Jamie Thomack-spoke to keep hound hunting legal; Kyle Miller keep hound hunting; Dave Miller opposed to resolution: Andy Nowinski opposed to resolution; Chelsey Boettcher also opposed; Keith Murphy also opposed to resolution. Committee- Jack Christenson -how many wolves have been harvested with the aide of hounds? : Michael Lane-took 33 wolves with the aid of dogs in the last legal hunting season-keep hound hunting in the tool box; Steve Ninneman--What are the rules concerning the number of times a resolution comes up before it has to get passed on?; Mike Lane-does person have to be here to represent their resolution? Answer no. Randy Connour there is a lot in this resolution to consider, Richard Krawze-inaccurate information in resolution

ACTION Motion to reject Steve Ninneman, second Mike Lane -- Motion passes 17-1

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE Chair Bill Yingst

DEADLINE ??

2. Reconvene

DISCUSSION [PRESENTER]

ACTION WCC Wolf Committee requests that the DNR Wolf Advisory Committee meet again. Passed Unanimously

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE

DEADLINE
3. Staff Updates

**DISCUSSION**
- Explained Federal and USFW progress on delisting efforts.
- The updated 2017/2018 minimum wolf population count is 905 wolves in 238 packs
- Explained Zone specific population trends
- Explained Distribution of wolf packs
- Explained Wolf depredation statistics
- Explained WDNR Wolf Advisory Committee

**ACTION**
- **PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**:
- **DEADLINE**:

4. Staff Update

**DISCUSSION**
- Working on an alternative to Winter Tracking to come up with a population estimate.
  - Mathematical model
  - Uses grid work of tracked sections
  - 95% confidence interval in modeled minimum population numbers.
  - This model estimates an over-winter minimum count of 1,027.

**ACTION**
- **PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**:
- **DEADLINE**:

**B. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC]**

**DISCUSSION**
- The WCC Wolf Committee requests that the DNR Wolf Advisory Committee meets in the first quarter of 2019 to works towards finalizing the 10 year Wisconsin Wolf Management-Plan. Randy Connour motion Arden Loker seconded- Passed Unanimously

**ACTION**
- **PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**:
- **DEADLINE**:

**C. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC]**

**DISCUSSION**
- Legislative Updates Chair Asked Senator Tiffany and Representative Duffy to attend-No one from Duffy's office was present.

**ACTION**
- Turned over the floor to Senator Tiffany for comments (updated M.L./B.Y. Jan 4)

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**
- **DEADLINE**:
### III. MEMBERS MATTERS

**DISCUSSION**
Bill-Call representative, Matt-survey asking about impact of wolves is needed, Paul-Minimum count, Lowell Wright-US Fish and Wildlife should let us manage, Richard Krawze-Wolves are having an impact in Forest County-Property values down, deer in town not in woods, people moving to town out of fear of wolves, and people taking matters into their own hands, Mike Lane-data doesn't represent impact of wolves on hunting, loosing places to hunt coyotes with his dogs. Jeffery Giese, please study wolves in zone 6. Mike Riggle wants better wolf count. Kevin Schanning-reminded members that Senator Johnson's party is in the majority in the Senate and we must work to convince him to get a de-listing bill going there.

**ACTION**

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**SUBMITTED BY**
Kevin Schanning