



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 WCC District 3 spring meeting
 Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS	03/02/2022	7 pm	zoom
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	at	7:01
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Mike Riggle District 3, Laurie Groskopf, District 3, Mike Lane, William Ruder, Connie Polzin, Kurt Justice, Ken Anderson, Steve Budnick, Jim Servi, Nick Schertz, Tom Ryden, Maegan Loka, Marcell Weiloch, Ed Choiniski, Rick Koenig, Jim Heffner, Nathaniel Brown,
EXCUSED	Krystal Westfahl, Courtney Andrews, Tracy Swedlund, Tommy Burr, youth delegate
UNEXCUSED	Tom Bartz, Jeff Thums, Colin Crawford
GUESTS	Kari Lee-Zimmermann, Brad Baumann DNR, Brad Heath, CDAC Waushara Co., Michele Woodford, DNR, Jerome Donohoe public

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	approved
ACTION	

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC] [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Dan Bauman, Secretary's Office, filling in for James Yach, Regional Director, noted videos are available on line from DNR leadership staff. There is a big push on climate change from the department. Riggle asked about deer unit boundary changes that were all rejected by DNR leadership. This has caused concern for locals that wanted changes made. Bauman noted he will communicate this to the leadership team.	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. spring hearing and delegates [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Spring hearings will be on line. Any local resolutions are due by March 11 on line, as are applications for open delegate seats. Some discussion about resolutions that will be on the spring hearing questionnaire that were not passed by committees. New rules allow for resolutions that pass a certain number of counties over a period of a few years to appear on the spring hearing even when rejected by the assigned committee. There is a disclaimer on the spring hearing form explaining these circumstances. Existing delegates are extended for another year. If delegates wish to resign, they need to contact their county chair. Delegate profiles are due on line by 4/8. Hard copy delegate profile forms will be mailed to those without computer access. Counties should decide who from their delegation will be distributing press releases regarding the spring hearings in their county.	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

C. other congress business

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Committee appointments - a preliminary list was distributed based on email responses. Kari provided a list of committees with the number of seats for each district. Laurie and Mike will work together to assemble a final list and the DLC at the convention will approve the final list of delegates assigned to each committee. If there are vacant committee seats, more than one assignment can be made. Jim Heffner provided testimonials on how effective and impressive the youth WCC program has become. Jim is retiring, and all thanked him for his years of service. Outreach and Public Relations - videos, brochures, and business cards are available to delegates. visit the web site. Shooting sports. Delegates from each county need to update a list Kari provided on shooting ranges in your county. Chairs will work on this project, with delegates assisting. Changes should be sent to Emily Iehl at emily.iehl@wisconsin.gov Awards - for organizations, clubs, educators. Also, the Executive Committee wants suggestions for a fellow delegate to be nominated for the Dave A. Ladd Heavy Lifter Award. Due 3/31. DNR staff of any type can be nominated to the executive committee for an award. The form for this award is on the WCC web site under "annual WCC Awards" due March 31. Learn to Bear Hunt Tag essay contest - deadline 4/27. Annual Convention at Chula Vista in the Dells - IN PERSON! Friday, spring hearing question results are reviewed. DLC election at noon. We need a quorum to do these items. Chairs will poll their delegates to see who is able to attend what days. Thursday night is DLC meeting. Saturday events election of executive council leadership. Committee assignments. Needed - raffle items for friends of the WCC. Each county is to work on getting items to raffle.	
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D. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC]

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Member matters. Mike Lane waterfowl rules are pretty much the same. Kurt Justice - disappointing that changes in rules for Vilas Co. lakes with rare lake trout that would have limited trolling - the DLC rejected these changes. Locals would like this proposal revisited. Having people without knowledge of local situations sometimes causes decisions that might have been different had all parties discussed the details in more depth. Ken Anderson - also mentioned the trolling changes and supports limiting in these lakes of Vilas Co. Deer farms with positives - he is disappointed in the lack of response from DATCP. He suggests using the budget surplus to buy out deer farms with positives as this impacts the economy and hunting opportunities. Jim Servi - wants to meet with people face to face. Mike Riggle - CWD 10 year review committee discussion. Bob Holsman did a hunter survey of attitudes towards CWD (just released results on line). Kari will send link to members. Ed Choinski CDAC proposal changes did not upset him. Several members of his county did object. Laurie Groskopf - announced the DNR will be releasing the draft wolf management plan in March followed by a 21 day public comment period. Hope everyone will be interested in making comments on the plan. Jim Heffner noted his retirement and said he had a lot of good times being a member of the Congress and met a large number of dedicated people who really want to protect our natural resources. He welcomed the new members. We are all sad to see Jim retire and thank him for all his years of dedicated service as well as his pleasant personality.	
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	7:55
SUBMITTED BY	Laurie Groskopf
DATE	04/04/2022