



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 CDAC Oversight
 Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes
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ORDER OF BUSINESS	08/31/2021	7:00 pm	Zoom
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDEES	Rob Bohmann, Terri Roehrig, Joel Taylor, Larry Bonde, Anthony Grabinski
EXCUSED	
UNEXCUSED	Scott McAuley
GUESTS	DNR: Bob Nack, Kari Lee Zimmerman, Jreff Pritzl; WCC: Tony Blattler

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	Motion to Approve (MTA): Larry Bonde, 2nd Tony Grabinski. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU)

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	NONE
ACTION	MTA: Larry Bonde, 2nd Terri Roehrig. MCU

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	None

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. 2021 CDAC Review

Jeff Pritzl

DISCUSSION	<p>Jeff: Everything went well. Procedurally - navigated with virtual meetings. Staff and volunteer hours to pull this off is amazing.</p> <p>Interested in feedback on the training sessions that they could view on their own and also did Thursday evening Zoom meetings and about 100 CDAC members attend. When we had them at the district meetings in person - we didn't get 100% attendance. Willing to offer Thursday evening topics this Fall. Haven't gotten any feedback on this from CDACs.</p> <p>Things that filtered up to Jeff - Need to keep on list for training. Challenges with Roberts Rules and how the meeting gets conducted and how the minutes get submitted. Struggle with getting them submitted. Alt Chairs don't have MS Office, request for better format.</p> <p>Rob - the first few years, we didn't have issues with the format and the smaller the font gets with more info being collected. Maybe we find the older template and update it.</p> <p>Joel - the PDF does this with font getting smaller and smaller and you can't read it.</p> <p>Jeff - Once it gets submitted and posted - Wes can fix it. Open to make it more user friendly.</p> <p>Kari - talked about the WCC minutes.</p> <p>Joel - the forms has gotten better on the layout</p> <p>Jeff - people did like the specific stakeholder information.</p> <p>Terri - recommended creating job aids or reference docs, training videos to help for those that struggle with the forms or how to fill out.</p> <p>Tony - Stakeholder info - difficult for Secretary to type up or write up info.</p> <p>Rob - Need to discuss that we need to get "jist" of discussion</p> <p>Jeff - Asked Wes to review minutes of the CDACs and graded. 12% (9/71 COUNTIES) were an "F". Tried to emphasize that people are watching and they need to emphasize the quality of the notes. Have some room for improvement.</p> <p>Joel - Need to improve both inadequate and too much - are the meetings recorded?</p> <p>Kari - CDAC meetings are not recorded and don't have an RDA.</p> <p>Jeff - We have recorded training sessions and statewide things. Feedback on concerns about how CDAC members are representing their role. And even uncertainty of role of Chair and Alt Chair.</p>
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	<p>Larry - we can clarify through correspondence and communication. Tony - doesn't Roberts Rules require Chair to be a decision making vote. Chair needs to have a level of respect. Jeff - Governance Document - if Robert's Rules should be used, it makes sense, In the Gov document - the Chair is to maintain a neutral position and concern that the chair is pre-leading the direction of the meeting and would like this to be emphasized. The other thing that came out in regards to Governance, is that person applied and had a fish and game violation and the person was not a WCC member and the person was not allowed. So need to clean up language on this. Larry - This does need to be cleaned up. Bob - the guidance is written general, the clarification is needed. The WCC limit is 5 years and it doesn't say that for anyone else. The person asked who says it needs to be 5 years - it could be 1 year. Rob - if we are going to hold our WCC members to a standard, we need to hold all CDAC members to a standard. Kari - when we were going to various groups, we didn't put the sideboards to it to get members. Jeff - When and how does the governance document get updated? Bob - it is our responsibility. We went through a year of CDAC and then recognized the need to make some updates and tied up the loose ends and presented it to the NRB. Not sure it needs to be that formal of a process. Jeff - asked Wes for summary of vacant seats for Chair and Alt Chair and how does the WCC pursue getting those positions filled. (Iron - Chair; Ashland - Alt Chair; Langlade - Alt Chair; Kewaunee - Alt Chair) Rob - 5 counties - 3 missing Alt Chair and 2 missing Chair. Last year we called the counties to work with delegates to fill the positions. Rob to take Jefferson, Joel - will take Ashland and Bayfield; Larry - Langlade; Terri to take Iron County; We have til March to fill the seats. Tony - put it on agenda for district meeting - could put it on Spring District meeting Joel - could put it on DLC meeting Tony - We elect the CDAC positions at the Spring Hearings and virtual changed things over last couple of years. Jeff - The governance doc says that the WCC Chair for the county is the CDAC Chair.</p>	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. CDAC Member Training

Jeff Pritzl

DISCUSSION	<p>Rob - should come up with a Welcome Package for the new CDAC members, explaining the roles and responsibilities based on stakeholder group you represent, Bob - when they get approved, they get an auto email and could include in the email. Rob - CDAC training early on - round table discussions/training sessions and we switched to the regional training sessions. We have counties where members think they have to follow the biologists. Jeff - Trainings for next year. Things will be up in air with COVID and whether we can meet in person or virtual. Default would be 4 District meetings across the state. Larry - poll people if they want in person or virtual Jeff - Last year - between the 2 meetings, Sawyer County did a field trip - had a positive experience and they intend to do it again and would like to expand it. 4 county field trip. Clark County - just asked to sponsor a field trip. Workshops in the different areas of the state. Jeff - Recommend CDACs, Liasons, Reporters Kari - would have to have it as an open meeting Joel - There are ways to have it informational. Has concerns about doing it with multiple counties because each one is different. Jeff - if they are information gathering to use in decision making, would it need to be noticed. Kari - Yes - there would have to be a notice of topics Jeff - if there is a group transportation and lunch - The public has to drive to the place and there will be no presentation or discussion on the bus. And they are specific about it in the notice Bob - Polling the troops if in person, zoom meetings, pre-recordings. Support for the field trip idea. Agree with Joel on not clumping counties together. If the meeting is a tour first then a meeting and could host on a Saturday. Kari - Could rotate the counties like the CWD testing. Jeff - the relationship building and side bar conversations is where the benefits come from. Tony - could the summary and discussion of the field trip be part of the CDAC meeting as part of the metrics. Kari - A recap would be helpful and not able to attend the in person tour.</p>	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

C. 2022 Meeting Planning

Jeff Pritzl

DISCUSSION	<p>Jeff - the staff and volunteer hours is daunting. Could we do this in one meeting? Could we arrive at the same end point without the preliminary meeting. Ben Beardmore says it is possible. The general idea is that rather than CDAC makes recommendation and public provides input. We could provide the information to the public and they public could provide the input to the metrics. Then the CDAC would put a final recommendation.</p> <p>Bob - This is the congress led initiative and the other customer is the Natural Resources Board. Public input is open to bias. Last year had a lot of effort into public input, trainings, input by stakeholder group and the NRB uses the public input for their decisions. If we had more time, we could send a survey to hunters and remove the bias and inform deer management decisions.</p> <p>Joel - like the idea of getting the data out to public to review. Farmland zones - may just be okay with 1 meeting.</p> <p>Tony - the CDAC meetings have very little public participation. Going down to one meeting limits public participation. The CDACs usually have good debate and discussion and key decisions are made.</p> <p>Terri - discussed she liked the idea but the data would need to be shown differently for the general public to understand it.</p> <p>Jeff - Concerns that public is just look at CDAC recommendations and provides input and doesn't look at the data.</p> <p>Joel - Agree need cliff notes version for the public.</p> <p>Jeff - We have the deer metrics system and CDACs are familiar with it but the public is not. The NRB voiced concern that there are additional metrics that are not presented. Under current system - CDAC members are relying just on the public input tool.</p> <p>Jeff - March 2022 meeting, April - Public Input, May - Final Recommendations. If one meeting - would be late enough, need to accommodate the WSI in northern counties.</p> <p>Larry - Risk in too much change and may come across as limiting public input.</p> <p>Jeff - they are looking at it and get people more engaged in the process.</p> <p>Larry - some counties can probably do one meeting and others with contentious issues that needs multiple meetings. Not one size fits all.</p> <p>Jeff - If optional approach, would we have issues from procedural issues.</p> <p>Kari - would have to consider if you could do by zone (if you are this, then you could do this) so some guidelines would have to be put in place.</p> <p>Jeff - Consider bringing up at Big Game Committee meeting.</p> <p>Bob - 2020 NRB made final decisions, got feedback, special meeting to clear up. Tried in 2021 to improve that and Jeff and Bob had regular check ins throughout the process with the NRB. Bob also the CDAC communications were also provided to the NRB members as well. I think the public comments and how they were summarized was well received and NRB thought it was a good improvement. NRB made some recommendations that didn't align to the CDACs and Department. Always striving for improvement.</p> <p>Jeff - Absolute fan of CDACs - Embrace it and enjoy it with the wrinkles and problems. Not geared to diminishing CDACs</p> <p>Rob - what is the final season structure?</p> <p>Bob - what was approved by NRB.</p> <p>Larry - public doesn't understand the process. The personal context. Need to encourage CDAC members within their area of expertise. It is the conversation you are having. It is a component that is missing.</p> <p>Jeff - We have a represented institution with the CDAC and doesn't want to see it watered done with a represented system. Jeff will support the CDACs to carry the role they are supposed to.</p>	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Tony - in his county it is always increase/maintain and it is an every other year decision. CDAC members say they need to send a message. Getting public input and balance the decision is one of the most important decision of the committee. We know were to go - we have to convince others how to get there.</p> <p>Joel - Nothing</p> <p>Terri - going back to the Training and Welcome packet - keep it byte size, multiple modalities and include some good representatives of our CDAC members to participate in pieces of it.</p> <p>Larry - Tony G made an excellent point. Manitowoc County and we were in decrease vs maintain. We have to be smart about how we frame it up and discuss. We know what people will harvest, we have to create realistic expectations from hunters.</p>	
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	Rob - This committee has some issues that were tabled last year that need to be back on the agenda before they get forgotten - December timeframe.
ACTION	None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	8:41 pm. MTA Joel Taylor, 2nd Tony Grabinski, MCU.
SUBMITTED BY	Terri Roehrig
DATE	08/31/2021