



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Land Use Committee
 Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes
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| ORDER OF BUSINESS | 12/08/2021 | 7:00 pm | Via Zoom |
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

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| Meeting called to order by | Doug Seidl at 7PM |
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B. ROLL CALL

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| ATTENDEES | Hamm, Haddick, Stahl, Wehrheim, Anderson, Magline, Justice, Johnston, Briggs, Ruff, Roberts, Ninneman, Seidl, Propson, Klock, Beutin |
| EXCUSED | |
| UNEXCUSED | Hipper, Raschein |
| GUESTS | Olivia Halbach (YCC Calumet Cty), Jerome Donahoe, Jerid Leable (Resolution Author), Gropp (DNR), Hankee (DNR) Bergeson (DNR), Lemke (DNR) |

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

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| DISCUSSION | none |
| ACTION | Motion to accept -Wehreim, 2nd Hamm motion carried |

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

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| DISCUSSION | Mission Statement read by Chair Seidl |
| ACTION | Motion to accept- Klock, 2nd Ruff motion carried |

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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| DISCUSSION | |
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II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

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| 1. | #060521 Knowles-Nelson funding Lower Chippewa River Parcels | not present |
| | DISCUSSION | Hamm- what will our 1/2 cost be and what is the loss of tax revenue for county. Lemke(DNR) answered and explained some of the tax implications and will follow up with any possible grant program info. Discussion with Kari on how to further question onto DLC with more info available. Ruff -93% of Buffalo Cty land is privately owned and voiced strong support for resolution in that and surrounding area. Hamm- very concerned about voting for a resolution without knowing costs involved *Note* this info was added after meeting adjourned to help delegates understand costs involved ** Real estate tax responsibility be Landmark Conservancy for Xcel energy property. Landmark is a non-profit 501(3)(C) organization. Most often this exempts the non profit from real estate taxes. In order to be exempt, they have to file for this exemption on a property specific basis. Quite often the non -profit will not file for this exemption and will choose to pay these taxes.. Since the property is in MFL, these taxes would be minimum. The grant manager is not sure what Landmark is planning on doing if they ever do become the owner of this property. |
| | ACTION | Motion to advance-Klock, 2nd Ruff 13 yes 1 no 2 abstain motion carried |
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| 2. | #170121 Open Hoffman Hills State Rec for Spring Turkey Hunting | Jerid Leable |
| | DISCUSSION | Leable (Author) Since submitting resolution more info about a hunting restriction on original purchase deed (Nov 4, 1980) is made aware. Justice-could author resubmit?,Kari- doesn't believe so with the current deed restrictions. Lemke(DNR) not sure of interests of binding parties involved, maybe to explore further NRB would need to be |

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| | involved in any changes. Anderson-thank you to author for bringing light to these situations, wishes all state lands could be open for multi use hunting opportunities |
| ACTION | Motion not to advance- Klock, 2nd Nimmeman 14 yes 0 no 2 abstain motion carried |
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B. Forestry Update

Gropp DNR

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| DISCUSSION | The following info was shared: *Good neighbor authority, 100 sales of 18,00 acres equals close to \$10 million, *MFL AB #856 correcting some errors in AB #365, * Large block timber owners are offering tracks of land for sale allowing conservation easements to be implemented, over 300,000 are being made available by the easements. Ruff - Buffalo Cty 180.000 acres privately owned of which 90,000 is in MFL that is unmanaged.. County forester is overburdened with all the parcels, about 90 acres of the 90,000 is open to the public. An individual is committing 2 million dollars a year to land purchases, not happy with the MFL in Buffalo Cty. Hamm- also not happy with MFL in Ashland Cty. Wiehram-thanks for all the info | |
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C. law Enforcement Update

Hankee (DNR)

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| DISCUSSION | Gave some info on the current deer season. More public awareness needed for additional jobs a DNR warden does (Civil unrest, Ryder Cup, Bucks game, Park services, Environmental issues, ATV-UTV usage, CWD, Invasive Species, Deer farm inspections, Never a slow time anymore.. Klock- discussion about increased deer harvests with crossbows, Justice- there is definitely more usage, Hankee -confirms increase in usage | |
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D. Natural Heritage Conservation Update

Bergeson (DNR)

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| DISCUSSION | Annual Invasive Species Report is out, Natural Heritage Council field note highlight on page 6, discovery of the green violet, alot of time spent on invasive species, new person hired-Liz Tanner,grant for Great Lakes restoration, updating NR40, Passage of Recovering Americas Wildlife Act, broad support for States Wildlife Action Plans, Ruff- Is some invasive species work just "lip service"? Bergeson- explained differences on prohibited and restricted species and efforts included with each one. | |
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E. Real Estate Update

Lemke(DNR)

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| DISCUSSION | Update on Stewardship funding, *acquisitions- Devils Lake State Park, Pelican Lake easement, Klock-can you clarify the Pelican lake deal?. discussed Master Planning update. Presentation by Lemke on how to use the Public Land Access Mapping feature on the DNR website. Stahl- is this or will it be available in an app? Magnine-could this be explained in and shown in an UTube video? | |
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

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| DISCUSSION | Klock- thank you to the authors and DNR staff and committee members for getting meeting done |
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

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| MEETING ADJOURNED | Motion to adjourn Justice, 2nd Anderson meeting adjourned at 8:47 |
| SUBMITTED BY | Keith Propson |
| DATE | [Date] |