



Executive Committee District Leadership Council Annual Meeting

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Meeting Minutes**

ORDER OF BUSINESS	11/04/2021	6:30 PM	Zoom
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Tony Blattler at 6:30 PM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Tony Blattler, Rick Olson, Joel Taylor, Dave Larson, Mike Riggle, Lori Groskopf, Dale Ebert, Kevin Smaby, Terri Roehrig (late), Al Lobner, Mike Nicholson, Dale Maas, Justin Loerke Brett Weir, Dave Breunig, Mike Rogers, Kenneth Risley, Paul Reith, Eugene Altwies, Scott Gunderson and Kari Lee Zimmermann.
EXCUSED	Ronald Krueger Senior and Tashina Peplinski.
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Scott Loomans, Tom Hauge, Mary Ellen O'Brien, Jerome Donohoe, Michael Foy, Rochelle Huske Al Horvath and Kurt Justice

C. Agenda approval or repair

Blattler

DISCUSSION	Motion by Gunderson 2nd by Smaby to allow chair flexibility in order of agenda. Motion carried.
ACTION	As stated.

D. Public comments

As stated

DISCUSSION	<p>Tom Hauge retired DNR employee spoke in favor of resolution 570621 this pertains to CWD payment for positive, which would be a financial incentive for people that removed a CWD positive deer. This proposal was approved at the 2019 spring hearings but not funded or implemented by the department. He would ask that this be brought forward once again at the 2022 hearings and if a positive vote results he is suggesting that money from deer license that normally goes into the general coffers would be diverted to fund this program.</p> <p>Jerome Donohoe addressed the DLC committee relating to a resolution proposal by the Deer and Elk Advisory Committee to the DLC for moving forward a resolution submittal and inclusion for a 2022 spring hearing question. He asked the committee to consider and to reject this question as it shows an advisory committee singling out a commercial agricultural sector here in Wisconsin as being anti-farming for a legal DATCP licensed farming activity in the state due to this Advisory Committees concerns regarding CWD.</p> <p>As a solution this question could be more appropriate as:" Do you support or oppose the DNR and DATCP to take more action on working with all stakeholders of Wisconsin to be more proactive in the concerns of the citizens of the state regarding CWD?"</p> <p>The WCC has a citizen responsibility for asking questions of all the citizens in questions relating to the impact concerning Cervids and CWD without bias towards singling out agricultural practices.</p> <p>As noted and reflected in the Deer and Elk Committee minutes CWD will still be here marching across the state even if this DLC committee continues to allow these negative types of resolution to prevail the process.</p> <p>Currently as of today since 1999 there have been: 8289 CWD + wild deer detected across the state in 34 counties as compared to 673 CWD+ farm raised deer detected in the state in 24 counties were as currently only 12 counties contain CWD+ farm deer due to active farm management of CWD through science.</p> <p>The deer farm community has reached out over the past 5 years to both DATCP and DNR for collaboration in research sharing from the deer farm community.</p> <p>DATCP has been successful in achieving USDA federal dollars to conduct ongoing studies with farms here in Wisconsin without the concern of using hundred dollars.</p> <p>The DNR has the same opportunity to use these USDA federal dollars in finding answers to CWD but has ignored the deer farm community in such efforts for research advancements.</p> <p>One such recent advancements this spring 2021-were research findings via genetic fingerprinting identified certain environmental organisms present in both farms and Hunter harvest wild deer from the CWD epidemic zone confirming to be causal agents for creation of the mis-folded protein leading to the onset of CWD.</p> <p>These organisms were not present on control farm and wild control harvested deer alike. This in turn has led to the initiation the spring of a newly developed vaccine protocol on the quarantine farm for deer/elk in the effort of mitigating CWD.</p> <p>Finally-another resolution for the DLC committee to consider and embrace would be the resolution put forth by the NRB this past spring that was overwhelmingly supported by the citizens of the state. This would be more inclusive of all stakeholders including the tribes being involved in consideration of addressing collective research efforts for addressing CWD in our state.</p>
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	Thank you for your considerations, and if the board has any questions during your meeting or deliberations I will gladly help answer. Secretaries note: Jerome Donohoe is president of Wisconsin Commercial Deer and Elk Farmers Association.
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. WCC advisory committee reports and proposed advisory questions Various

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	See below
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

1. Warm Water Committee

Kurt Justice Vice Chair of Warm Water Committee

DISCUSSION	<p>Pan Fish limit on the Willow Flowage (370421).</p> <p>Would you support changing the Pan Fish limit on the Willow Flowage to an aggregate bag limit of 10 Pan Fish in total? Motion by Smaby 2nd by Weir to advance. Rick Olson stated that there is a 10 year review with Pan Fish bag limits but the department needs to move faster for losing credibility 6 to 7 years into the 10 year plan. Motion carried. Question will advance for spring hearing determination.</p> <p>Reducing Crappy bag limit to 10 on the Willow Flowage in Oneida County (440121).</p> <p>Would you support changing the daily bag limit of Pan Fish on the Willow Flowage to 25 Pan Fish limit per day but no more than 10 of any one species? Motion by Taylor 2nd by Gunderson to advance. Motion carried. The same concerns on the previous motion. Motion advances for spring hearing determination.</p> <p>Plum Lake muskellunge size increase (640921).</p> <p>Would you support changing the size limit on muskellunge in Plum Lake in Vilas County to 50 inches and a daily bag limit of one fish? Motion by Gunderson 2nd by Altwies to advance. Motion carried. Motion advances for spring hearing determination.</p> <p>Pan Fish limit changed for Lake Dubay (370121).</p> <p>Would you support changing the daily bag limit on fish in Lake Dubay to 10 per day? Motion by Gunderson 2nd by Weir to advance. Motion carried. Question advances for Spring Hearing determination.</p> <p>Harvest regulation on Pan Fish for Lake Helen (500521).</p> <p>Would you support changing the daily bag limit on Pan Fish in Lake Helen to 10 per day (all species in aggregate)? Motion by Larson 2nd by Olson to advance. Motion carried. Question advances for Spring Hearing determination.</p> <p>Removal are but from the list of Wisconsin rough fish (131121, 640521, 600421, 520121, 050321, 110221, 270321, 430121, 681621, or 90731, 410421, 660321, 460821) (requires legislation).</p> <p>Would you support removing the burbot from the list of Wisconsin rough fish? Motion by Gunderson 2nd by Weir to advance. Motion carried Question advances for Spring Hearing determination.</p> <p>10 Pan Fish bag limit on Lake Mendota in Dane County (131921).</p> <p>Would you support changing the regulation on Lake Mendota to a 10 Pan Fish daily bag limit? Motion by Weir 2nd by</p>
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	<p>Olson to advance. Motion carried. Question to advance to Spring Hearing determination.</p> <p>New Pan Fish harvest regulation from 25 bag limit to 10 bag limit on Lake Jacqueline (a.k.a. Glisezinski Lake) (500321).</p> <p>Would you support changing the Pan Fish bag limit on Lake Jacqueline from 25 daily aggregate to 10 Pan Fish aggregate? Motion by Gunderson 2nd by Larson to advance. Motion carried. Question to be added to Spring Hearing for determination.</p> <p>Little Green Lake Pan Fish limit from 25 to 10 per day (240421).</p> <p>Would you support reducing the Pan Fish limit on Little Green Lake from 25 to 10 Pan Fish? Motion by Maas 2nd by Smaby to advance. Motion carried. Question to be added to Spring Hearing for determination.</p> <p>Lake Wissota walleye slot limit (0905210) .</p> <p>To protect the spawning size walleye population of Lake Wissota, would you support a big daily limit with a 14-16 inch harvest limit, protected slot of 16-24 inch and one over 24 inch allowed as part of the daily bag? Motion by Smaby 2nd by Weir to advance. Note: size is not in toolbox. Motion carried. Question to be added to the Spring Hearing for determination.</p> <p>Electric motor to no wake on Woodman Lake, Grant County (220121).</p> <p>Would you support making Woodman Lake a slow no wake body of water? Motion by Larson 2nd by Weir to advance. Motion carried. Question to be added to the Spring Hearing for determination.</p> <p>Musky slot limits statewide (610121).</p> <p>Motion by Gunderson 2nd by Breunig to reject. Motion carried. Resolution rejected.</p> <p>And trolling on vilest County lakes with Lake Trout populations (640621) motion by Olson 2nd by Riggle to advance motion failed. Motion by Gunderson 2nd by Rogers to reject. Motion carried. Resolution rejected.</p>
ACTION	As stated above.
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2. Environmental Committee

Mary Ellen O'Brien Committee Chair

DISCUSSION	<p>Imposing stricter regulation on PFAS chemicals (680921, 520721, 411721, 400221, 370621, 320721, 300421, 130721, 041321, 180421, 170421, 020421, 260221, 500921)</p> <p>Would you support additional testing of drinking water crossed Wisconsin for PFAS levels? Would you support the DNR continue to advocate for strong PFAS protections and cleanup to ensure that everyone has access to clean drinking water and safe consumption of fish? Motion by Smaby 2nd by Olson to advance. Motion carried. Question to be added to spring hearing for determination.</p> <p>Avoid all new fossil fuel infrastructure (520221, 400121, 320121, 130621, 500821, 260121, 041221, 411621, 180321, 020321).</p> <p>Would you support NRB and DNR permitting any new fossil fuel infrastructure projects. Motion by Larson 2nd by Reese to advance. Motion failed. There was much discussion on how this was worded and that it's not our purview as an organization to have a position. Motion by Gunderson 2nd by Taylor not have this as a part of the Spring Hearing process. Motion carried. This question will not be on the Spring Hearing.</p>
ACTION	As stated above.
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3. Deer and Elk Committee

Al Horvath Committee Chair

DISCUSSION	<p>Reconsideration of the pilot study of the CWD payment for positives reward program for 2022 (570621).</p> <p>Would you support the implementation of this payment for positives CWD pilot program designed to remove more CWD positive deer and help control the spread of CWD? Motion by Weir 2nd by Rogers to advance. Discussion: Risley stated</p>
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this is not a good idea, throwing good money after bad. Al Lobner question the numbers. Brett Weir stated he supports this action.

Dave Breunig though support. Justin Loerke commented this is the wrong idea it's just a money making machine for some people. Mike Riggle stated people supported this in 2019 (57%). We, WCC went against the flow at the 2019 convention. This is a pilot program and we have done little as a state to combat this disease. Kevin Smaby stated the public accepted this in his County. Paul Reith commented this is general support for an idea this is very poor and not clear. Motion failed on a roll call of 7 yes 12 no. Motion by Gunderson 2nd by Larson to reject. Motion carried. Question rejected.

Antler point restriction trial in Florence County (190121).

Would you support the creation of a three-year antler point restriction trial for bucks with 3 points for greater on one side (excluding brow tines) in Florence County? (This restriction would not apply to youth 17 and under, disabled, and military service hunters.) Motion by Smaby 2nd by Lobner to advance. Questions were asked Lobner - is the CDAC in favor of antler restrictions? Larson - is deer harvest in that County up or down? Ebert stated that it is down. Taylor - struggles normally would support antler restrictions but this is confusing. Weir - 30 years ago there was more food, now with old-growth forest there's less food. Horvath - this is true in some counties but not in all. Riggle - in northern counties all CDAC's are seeing antler point restrictions on the horizon. Smaby - not a fan of APR that this resolutions kids are able to shoot without the restriction is. Laurie Groskopf - tried adding comments but was unable to hear. Paul Reith - question what is the penalty if someone makes a mistake. Laurie Groskopf - called in and stated a survey years ago many concerns was predators (in 12 counties) she's not sure this will stop the problem.

Motion carried. Question to be added to Spring Hearing for deliberation.

Re-established in-person deer registration stations, back tags, and tagging procedure (720321).

Would you support re-establish in person deer registration stations?

Would you support returning to the requirement to wear back tags?

Would you support returning to carcass tagging procedures as was done in the past?

Motion by Groskopf, 2nd by Larson to reject all 3. Discussion Roehrig - stated we need to get input. Riggle - last time we had support but the Legislature refused to give it a hearing. Public distrust of how it works is high and it makes it easy to violate. Smaby - need public input Olson - agreed with all 3 questions.

Motion failed. Motion by Smaby 2nd by Weir to advance all 3. Motion carried. Question to be added to spring hearing for determination.

Deer management too - Replacement Either Sex tag for CWD positive deer (530221).

Would you support the issuance of one either sex tag to a hunter who harvest a CWD positive antlerless deer in the county where the CDAC has made this recommendation?

Motion by Olson 2nd by Maas to advance. With minor modifications to be done by Kari. Motion carried. Revise question to be added to Spring Hearing for determination.

Extended 9-day gun deer registration deadline (690121).

Would you support the WCC working with the DNR to extend the gun deer registration deadline to 5 PM the day after the season closes? Motion by Smaby 2nd by Larson to advance. Motion carried. Question to be added to Spring Hearing for determination.

Youth statewide antlerless permits (570121).

Would you support making use antlerless permits valid on any land type either public or private?

Motion by Gunderson 2nd by Altwies to advance. Motion carried. Question to be added to Spring Hearings for determination.

Reallocation of funding to establish a statewide dumpster program for handling deer carcass disposal.

	<p>Would you support a reallocation of antlerless fund fees to establish a statewide dumpster program for handling deer carcass disposal?</p> <p>If your answer was yes to the above question:</p> <p>would you support eliminating the current antlerless tag system and replacing it with a system that would require paying \$8 for any antlerless tag and using the money to fund this dumpster program?</p> <p>Would you support eliminating the current antlerless tag system and replacing it with a system that would require paying \$10 for any antlerless tag and using the money to fund this dumpster program?</p> <p>Motion by Gunderson 2nd by Weir to advance. Comments were some southern farm zones will have a problem shooting enough deer. On a roll call vote 10 yes 7 no 3 abstained motion carried. Question to be added to the Spring Hearing for determination.</p> <p>Related to the Cervid operations.</p> <p>Do you oppose the presence of captive Cervid operations (game farms and shooting preserves) in Wisconsin? Motion by Olson 2nd by Reith to advance. Gunderson stated there is lots of discussion on this but it's not under our purview. Kari stated they need language to inform people the DNR does not have authority to make these type of changes. Motion carried. Question to be added to the Spring Hearing for determination.</p>
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ACTION	As stated above.	
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4. Motorized Recreational Vehicle Committee Dave Larson Committee Chair

DISCUSSION	Dave was not ready to give his report at this time will be done at 2nd DLC meeting in 2022	
ACTION	As stated above.	
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5. Great Lakes Committee Dale Maas Committee Chair

DISCUSSION	Dale gave his report as to the actions taken at the committee in the information received from department staff. (See minutes on WCC website).	
ACTION	As stated above.	
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B. Code of Procedures update (addendum) Blattler

DISCUSSION	<p>The proposed change is a guideline that will aid in maintaining consistency in locating and recruiting interested parties to fill delegate vacancies. This guideline will also assist the county chair or in absence of the county chair, the county vice-chair in explaining the basic duties of a delegate and knowledge of the WCC to the new delegate. New delegate will receive in-depth training and information from the Outreach and Public Relations Committee.</p> <p>Resources for Recruitment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tap into past spring hearings. Maintain list of previous nominees that were not elected. With they want to be appointed now? 2. Authors of past County resolutions. Would they like to become more involved? 3. Contact local Universities/Technical Colleges.. Students or Professors in school programs/courses: Environment, Wildlife/ Fishery Biology. 4. Sports clubs: gun/archery/fishing. Can you make a presentation at the next club meeting or would the club president make the pitch for the WCC? 5. Local, County or State Non-Consumptive User Groups/Conservation Clubs. Examples: Sierra Club, Wisconsin Green Fire, Indian Tribal Associations. 6. Seek assistance from your District Leaders or contact the Outreach and Public Relations Committee. 7. If you're county does not have a vacancy, can you help another county if they have a vacancy? Who do you know in another county (friend or relative) that might be willing to step up? Do you own property in another county and could ask neighbors, who are permanent residents, if they would be interested?
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	<p>Requirements and Eligibility For Potential Delegates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimum age for adult delegate is 18. 2. Must be a current resident of the county. 3. Willingness to represent citizens by working with the NRB and DNR to effectively manage Wisconsin's abundant natural resources for present and future generations. 4. Understand that the vision of the WCC is to strengthen and enhance our ability to gather and convey the wisdom and influence of Wisconsin citizens in the formation of natural resources policy, research, education and conservation. 5. Commitment to time involved: 2 or 3 year term. Two district meetings (March and August). Assist at spring hearing in April. Attend WCC C convention in May. Participation in one or more advisory committees. <p>Training of New Delegates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the Code of Procedures. Emphasis on VII Conservation Congress Official Position. Emphasis on VIII. A Roles and Responsibilities for All Delegates. Emphasis on X Delegate Election Process. 2. Explain the advisory committees-what are new delegates interest? 3. WCC website-resources available for delegates. 4. Notify of upcoming meeting dates. 5. New delegate term length. 6. Explain paperwork to be filled out and sent to DNR liaison. 7. Potentially may have to serve as the County Chair or Vice Chair. 8. Suggest involvement in local CDAC. 9. Turnover new delegate information to Outreach and Public Relations Committee for further in-depth training. <p>Add to COP Revised IX.D2 on page 15.</p> <p>2. If a vacancy occurs, the county chair or vice chair (in the absence of the chair) may appoint someone to fill the vacancy. The vacancy cannot be filled until all county delegates have been notified of the vacancy.</p>
ACTION	Motion by Riggle 2nd by Larson to approve COP modification on recruitment. Motion carried.
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Gunderson: he will be glad when we start to meet in person. Kevin Smaby: asked to bring back to hunting with dogs committee. Terri: stated we needed to review resolutions before hand to get quality questions out there. Dave Larson: need to weed out bad resolutions ahead of time especially environmental. Also delegate replacement is slow going. Tony is going forward with in person meetings and that the proposed Saturday, January 8 DLC meeting is set. He also canceled the meeting for next Thursday. Motion by Loerke 2nd by Breunig to adjourn. Motion carried meeting adjourned.</p>
ACTION	Meeting adjourned 10:37 PM.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	10:37 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Dale C. Maas
DATE	11/30/2021