



Executive Committee District Leadership Council Annual Meeting

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Meeting Minutes**

ORDER OF BUSINESS	05/23/2023	10 AM	DNR State Office Building
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Rob Bohmann at 10 AM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Joel Weiss, Rick Olson , Bradley Hop , Vale Ebert, Ronald Krueger Senior, Kevin's Smaby, Al Lobner , Dale Maas, Mike Arrowwood, Brett Weir, Reid Kabelowsky, Tony Grabski, Mike Rogers, Scott Lettman, Paul Reith, Rob Bohmann , Eugene Altwies.Terry Rohrig and Stan Brownell via zoom .
EXCUSED	Al Brown , Kurt Justic and Mike Ellsworth
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Kari Lee Zimmermann

C. Agenda approval Or repair

DISCUSSION	Motion by Joe Weiss Second by Paul Reith To allow flexibility in the published agenda . motion carried.
ACTION	As stated.

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Letter from Ed Harvey with recommendations on code of procedure changes [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Ed Harvey's letter was read out . Rick Olson called for a point of order , this should be done on a meeting of rules and resolutions . Motion by Lobner second by Smaybe to discuss. It was ruled that we are in the discussion phase no vote was necessary . District one : Weiss wants to vote on resolutions in person. The people want a combination of the spring hearing and on-line . Olson: People want to go back the way it was No change no open house, want hand vote for questions and resolutions . District 2: Much confusion on The 3-2 rule The people want in person and on-line In person votes on the resolution process . District 3 : No one in attendance. District 4 want in person Meeting and in person for voting on delegates . District 5 Keep the resolutions with an earlier intake I have in person voting on resolutions and election of delegates. District 6 Need to feel like they're accomplishing something or they won't attend . Additional discussion on the 3/2 rule Rob stated that this is not on the agenda and was removed previously . Stan agreed that we need to go back to in person and also vote on resolutions in the county they were submitted. District 7: Mike was concerned that we are losing long time attendees and we need to get back to in person meetings and resolutions submitted on what needs to be done . We need to fix the COP. District 8: Online and in person Must be offered for the best value to our constituents voting on county resolutions and electing county delegates must be done this way. District 9: Tony stated they only had six people In the county attend the open house and agreed with Ed's letter his district dislikes open house. The submission of resolutions deadline must be sooner and they want resolutions for vote in county in person . District 10: Districts want in person Meetings not open house Paul also stated that he thinks our WCC review of resolution still needs additional work. District 11: His district once voting in person along with resolution voting and delegate election .
ACTION	Motion by Reith second by Olson To refer to rules and resolutions to make sure that county resolutions are turned in far enough in advance so we have time to process and have this recommendation available for the October DLC meeting. Motion carried.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Proposed code of procedure changes Move from May 11th DLC meeting the rules and resolutions committee with input from this meeting (May 23). Rob Bowmann

B.

DISCUSSION	Paul stated he was not sure COP needs to say open house Suggested use available in person meeting.
ACTION	Motion by Olson second by Weiss To refer to rules and resolutions reference COP modification /spring hearing. Motion Carried.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

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C. Rules and Resolution Committees charge for 2023 Rob Bowmann

DISCUSSION	Joe stated he thought pages 14 through 20 In reference to hearing officer that In some cases there may be a need to teach The department on how to conduct their portion of the meeting . There were many variations and requests to modify the Cop and since we were working off of three different versions The DLC members that are on the rules and resolutions committee will Convey and present the general feelings of the DLC to the committee. It was the opinion of the delegates that this needed to be straightened out as soon as possible. Secretary's note:The DLC was working off of Shared information on overhead screen , hard copies of previous reviews and proposed changes .	
ACTION	Motion by Weir second by Weiss to review entire code of procedures . Motion carried.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

D. WCC voting membership to the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	There was discussion on whether or not the WCC membership was of value.	
ACTION	Motion by Weir second by Roehrig to continue as Members 's .Motion carried.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

E. III. A Informational item Letter from Mary Ellen O'Brien and Claude Bovi Rob Bowmann

DISCUSSION	The letter was circulated To the DLC. the letter contained a collection of thoughts and opinions on the public's perception of how the WCC is operating. Some of the comments Were about internal structure And operations and others were general public Perceptions. Joyce commented that there is definitely room for improvement and we can and need to do better in some areas . Some of the discussion has to do with The aging out of our delegates and what can we do to motivate new delegates coming in . Brad stated that term limits And many other ideas are coming down the line we need to be flexible and aware of the issues and adjust accordingly. She stated that she has a very active committee and she is proud of the work that they do. Terry stated we need to train and share with this committee our thoughts. Mike Arrowwood stated we are all elected to represent we need to be involved . Rob gave the background on the 3/ 2 rule and why it was eliminated .He also stated that We need to keep our personal agenda to ourselves and leave it at the door that's hard to do we're all passionate about the environment and the natural resources of this state	
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.	
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F. III B. Environmental committee's vision for 2023 and beyond Mary Ellen O'brien

DISCUSSION	Mary Ellen commented on her assigned committee and chair Bowmann said that his goal for 2023 was to make the environmental committee one of the busiest committees in the Congress. Mary Ellen stated that her background of 30 plus years in environmental engineering for the dot gave her a unique view of the situation once again she stated her committee is very involved and she is proud of their work the commitment of the DLC and the executive committee is to do more . chandra stated that there is many ways that the DNR can help with the information .Al Loebner stated there are so many layers That are involved with this you have the DOT, DNR , EP A and others that he can't even remember. he questions if we should have a central unit that gets you to the right department? Eugene alt question are you getting enough guidance ? Mary Ellen said yes we have two people to get answers for the committee. Joe questioned if we should ask environmental committee to district meetings along with Fish and game. Chandra Stated that the environmental Has many people to head up issues Not necessarily that wafer fishing game .	
ACTION	And only. No action taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

G. III. C. YCC request for funds Rob Bowmann

DISCUSSION	Rob stated that he will be working with Kylie Zenz the YCC coordinator on a more efficient way of transferring funds for the YCC.	
ACTION	Information only. No action taken	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

H. III. D. Friends of the WCC update. Rob Bowmann

DISCUSSION	Rob gave a report on the funds that were raised at the state convention . He thanked all the donors for their gracious offerings of door prizes .
ACTION	Information only. No action taken .
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I. III. E. Guidance for DLC and executive committee elections at annual convention Rob Bowmann

DISCUSSION	It was mentioned that in some cases delegates did not understand what was going on when the districts broke out for nomination and elections . some districts were very efficient and others not so much prior to next year's convention we will have to have some training sessions at the district level and then also how the executive committee elections take place although those are noted in the code of procedures.
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

J. III. F. Missing meeting minutes. Rob Bowmann

DISCUSSION	Dale had stated at the convention his and his wife's health issues as contributing to his tardiness . He has enlisted the help of Mary Susan from Waukesha County it updated many of the missing minutes based off of his notes and tapes. he will try to get those taken care of as soon as possible.
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.
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K. III. G. Future Convention Scheduling Rob Bowmann

DISCUSSION	Rob stated Kari is in the process Of getting quotes from various convention centers on their costs and availability, it should be noted that one: we are limited when we try to keep it in the central part of the state that reason is to try and eliminate lengthy drive time for delegates from the north and the South. Two: it becomes increasingly difficult to find a complex that can accommodate room and board and meeting space for the size of delegation that we have. The executive committee will be meeting when Kari has the information necessary for us to make a decision .
ACTION	Information only. No Action taken.
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L. III. H. Advisory Committee assignments Rob Bowmann

DISCUSSION	Rob stated that district councilors should have verified at the end of the state convention those requests for committee. Assignments requests are being tabulated now and in the very near future he will be making decisions on who and what committee assignments members will have .
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Scott Lettman: enjoyed the meeting has a lot to learn .</p> <p>Ron Krieger : thanks to Kari for all she does all year long.</p> <p>Dale Ebert WCC take the lead in the open house but not enough people there and nine resolutions that should have been voted on by the county.</p> <p>Kevin Smaby: There's gonna be a lot of work involved in the future for rules and resolutions committee and the Environmental Committee stay tuned .</p> <p>Bradley Hopp: Enjoyed the meeting we can't go backwards looking forward we need to give time for the resolutions to be researched the way they deserve.</p> <p>Eugene Altwies: Good luck Kevin the committee will have a lot of issues and not a lot of answers.</p> <p>Al Brown: He's pleased with the meeting; looks like a good road ahead.</p> <p>Mike Rogers: The hunting with dogs committee will they meet we have one resolution keep the vote in person for delegates try to keep the meeting to two hours.</p> <p>Brett Weir: Thanks for a good meeting.</p> <p>Joe Weiss the 3/2 rule had two sides just like most of the issues that we have.</p>
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ACTION	Motion by Weiss Second by Maas to adjourn. motion carried
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	3:35 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Dale C. Maas
DATE	10/04/2023