

Wisconsin Conservation Congress
District 6 Spring Meeting - March 8, 2022

1. Organizational Matters

- A. The meeting was called to order by Chair Al Lobner at 6:32 pm.
- B. All counties present except Jackson County.

2. Informational Items & Program Updates

Dan Bauman from the DNR reported:

- Program videos with updates are on the DNR web site.
- PFA's standards
- Federal infrastructure bill
- Licenses expire March 31
- Hunters' Ed. in-person classes will now be required for anyone under age 18
- Wolves are back on the federal No Hunt List
- Working on a wolf management plan
- Climate change - Conservation Congress Action Plan

3. Conservation Congress Annual County Meeting and DNR Spring Hearing Logistics

A. Spring Hearings

March 11 deadline to submit resolutions (on the Spring Hearings page on DNR site.)

B. Delegate Seats

- Clark, Monroe, and Portage Counties will each have one vacancy
- Applications should be turned in by Mar. 11
- Bryce Luchterhand has filled the vacancy of Michael Hayes
- Kari will send applications that are submitted to the county chairs for them to fill vacancies
- **Delegate Profiles** are due April 8
- Eric Christianson will email delegates to verify the information on their profiles

C. Local Spring Hearing Press

Kari will send press releases if requested

Districts can contact local news outlets / post at public buildings and businesses

4. Other Congress Business

A. Committee Appointments

Each delegate should send their first 3 preferences for committee appointments to Al Lobner or Mike Nicholson.

B. Youth Conservation Congress

- Jessica Thomaszewski & Tara Rueth reported
- YCC is having monthly Zoom meetings
- Trout fishing last summer
- Ice fishing in January
- Maple syruping this spring
- Fur bearing ecologist
- Submit names of youth to Kyle

C. Outreach & Public Relations

- Resources are available for delegates to use if making presentations
- Contact Kari for brochures, business cards

D. Shooting Sports Range Update

- Lists of the ranges have been sent out.

- Delegates should check with those listed to see if they are still operating and what they offer.
- Delegates should add any new facilities that aren't on the list.

E. Awards

Deadline for nominations is March 31.

F. WCC Learn-to-Bear Hunt Tag

- Deadline to apply is April 27.
- Application form is on the DNR website

G. 2022 Annual Convention

- Convention to be held at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells May 12 - 14 if a quorum registers.
- The schedule of events will follow the same format as in previous years.
- Contact Rob Bohman if you know of raffle donations.

5. Member Matters

Adams County

- Scott Pitta asked when Fred Prehn will be replaced as the DNR Chair.
- Joe Stuchlak said he will provide information about the Spring Hearings on a local radio spot.

Juneau County

- Bob Nicksic asked if information about the Spring Hearings is on the DNR Facebook page.
- Kari said it is.
- Adam reminded delegates to fill out the waterfowl survey. Deadline is this Friday 3/11.

Portage County

- Jessica Thomaszewsk reported that the Youth CC is going well.
- Jessica informed the group that her father, Tony Blattler, chair of the CC is scheduled to be part of a speaker's series at UW-Stevens Point.

Wood County

- Scott McCauley reported that US Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson, along with a senator from Wyoming are working on a bill to keep wolves off the endangered list permanently.
- Al Peterson said the walleye plan is out for review.
- Al Balliet reminded members the deadline for comments on the plan is May 31.

6. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn made by Bryce. Seconded by Butch.
- Unanimous vote to adjourn.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm

Submitted by Mike Nicholson