

# Wisconsin Conservation Congress State Convention Meeting Minutes



<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	<b>5/13/16</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>Manitowoc</b>
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## I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

### A. CALL TO ORDER

<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY</b>	Chairman Robert Bohmann called the 83 <sup>rd</sup> State Convention to Order at 9 AM. This was followed by the presentation of Colors by the Manitowoc Sheriffs Department Honor Guard and singing of our National Anthem by Conservation Warden Gervis Myles.
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### B. ROLL CALL OF COUNTIES

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Showed that all 72 counties were in attendance at the time roll call was taken and 8 Youth Congress delegates were in attendance (See Sheet)
<b>ABSENT</b>	
<b>UNEXCUSED</b>	

### C. ADOPTION OF RULES OF ORDER

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Roberts's rules of Order will govern the convention proceedings. A maximum of 3 minutes will be allowed per recognized delegate and no rebuttals until all counties asking to speak have been heard.
<b>ACTION</b>	M/ Manitowoc Co. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Washington Co. to adopt M/C Introductions were then made

### D. AGENDA REPAIR

**BOHMANN**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	There are no changes to the agenda but we make need to adjust the order or make considerations depending on the arrival of scheduled speakers.
<b>ACTION</b>	M/ Dodge 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wood to approve as stated M/C

### E. MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

**BOHMANN**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Since our last Convention the following delegates have gone on to their Great Reward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elmer Miller – Pierce County</li> <li>Leon Schroeder – Green Lake County</li> <li>Raymond Smith – Polk County</li> <li>Roland Zuelsdorf - Dodge County</li> <li>Dave Johnson – Chippewa County Paul Mau – Lafayette County</li> <li>Douglas Gortz - Wood County</li> <li>Neil Bremer - Buffalo County</li> </ul> <p>The above passed delegates will be entered in our convention minutes and a certificate of thanks and condolences will be sent to the families.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	M/ Green Lake 2 <sup>nd</sup> Buffalo to adopt M/C



	<p>delegate moved out of state and we fell behind. If we are going to communicate with the younger people coming on to the scene we need to do it the way they do. That means Face Book, Twitter and all of the social media resources out there. Staush and I have been working on Face Book and though we are trying we are doing a horrible job of it. We need people that are media savvy. That is again why the new leadership will be charged with appointing delegates to this important committee. The power of this is incredible. I put out an article before the Spring Hearing on Face Book and within 8 hours we had almost 1,000 hits. This is an under utilized tool that we need to get onboard with. Another untapped area that deserves some attention and we should partner with is the Hmong community. I believe that the next outstanding conservationist will be out of this community. The Hmong American Sportsmen is very capable in the use of media and has become increasingly assimilated into the mainstream of Wisconsin. The misunderstanding issues are for the most part in the past and they are embracing our way of life. As they increasingly understand our system we need to embrace them. Another group is the Hunters Network, this is a place where we should be sharing all of the important information on issues we deal with and again we aren't. The new technologies committee will be assigned to develop these areas and others we might be missing so if you have an interest in either of these committees please let us know.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only no action needed

**H. DNR SECRETARY'S COMMENTS  
DNR SECRETARY**

**CATHY STEPP**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Cathy thanked Rob for his service to the Natural Resources of this state. "When I look around this room and see the volunteer faces that have given so much of your time, money and dedication to make this state great not just for now but for our children and grandchildren I am amazed. Thank you for all you do!"</p> <p>She thanked all of the Congress Delegates that have worked diligently as we work our way through the CDAC 's. This is not a perfect process but with your efforts it is really starting to take shape. The DMAP program is starting to come together and the Congress has been a big part of that too. Our reorganization process has come under much scrutiny over our decisions to streamline the department. But we stand by those decisions; it is our job to make sure that your license dollars are providing the best service for the money that we can give. Still there are tough decisions that need to be made and we will continue to make them. We as a department can not and will not continue to provide service we can't afford so we must streamline and prioritize our budgets to our service needs. Our way of providing our law enforcement is being looked at we have many different law enforcement credentials. We need to review this and see what makes sense in the real world. We need to review what and how we provide service in our park systems. Is this real world, does this make sense from a cost stand point? CWD is continuing to pressure us and we need to review what and how we manage CWD. The science needs to be reviewed and see if we are matching research in other states and that our "Best Management Practices" is up to date. I'm sure that the governor will talk about this more later. Go Wild; we have received more positives than negatives but with any new program there will be glitches bear with us it will get better. I commend the Congress for their efforts when working with us and the board. Even when you do not agree with the department's position you show up and work to get a reasonable resolution. Your work matters and I will continue to advocate for the guidance you give to the DNR Board and to the department in general we appreciate all you do and have a great convention</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only no action needed

**II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

**A. LEARN TO HUNT BEAR RECIPIANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**MIKE ROGERS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Mike announced that this year's winner will be Kendalyn L Hoyt. She will receive a mentored hunt along with the tag. A donation was taken to offset the cost of the bear bait. Dave Smaby gave a brief recap of last years hunt. The excitement of the youth hunter and the fulfillment each of the mentors felt as they passed on the heritage to a new hunter. Dave and Gary Smaby have graciously accepted again this year to take our recipient on this hunt. Delegates collected over \$700.00 for this years baiting. Thanks to everyone involved and to those who donated.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only no action needed

**B. NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD COMMENTS**

**TERRY HILGENBERG  
DNR BOARD CHAIR**

DISCUSSION	<p>Terry thanked the Congress for allowing him to address the convention. He had a few observations to share:          Wisconsin is a great place to be from          Wisconsin is a great place to live          Wisconsin is a great place to raise a family          We have great people who give freely of their time and talents to protect the natural resources of this state. I thank you on behalf of myself and the Natural Resources Board for the dedication you have shown to aid us in this our mission.          As citizens of this state when we see a problem we commit people and resources to correct it, this is what we do.          I have been a deer hunter for many years; I say this so you have an idea where I come from. In 2011 when I was first appointed to the board I didn't know what the Conservation Congress was or what they did. After the first meeting with Rob I was educated big time!          Over the past years I have gained respect for what you do and the dedication you have to this state. It is important that the citizens' of this state are aware of what you do too.          The status quo doesn't work anymore I get many emails every day offering various opinions on a wide range of topics. You as a Congress have embraced change and the board has recognized this.          You will soon have new leadership; you have added a larger executive team and have continued on with your strategic planning and embraced a Youth Congress. These are all new and exciting changes to better serve your core values that being to advise the Natural Resources Board.          This is very important to us on the Board; your opinion is needed not only statutorily but we as a board want and need your input. You as a Congress by reaching out to your local base help us better understand what our state wants and needs.          We need to add both the young and old to our base of understanding and please help us.          We need to focus on our financial resources and wisely make the best use of these limited resources.          We have continued to look at land sales that make sense even though it is controversial. We constantly are asked to do more with less and this we are up against constantly. Working together we have and will continue to make the tough decisions but we need your help in that process to make it work.          Your efforts in the CDAC process were outstanding. In each county the work load you handled and the information you disseminated was withering but vital to the process. Some of you were subject to harassment that was uncalled for but you still completed the task and we wanted to let you know we recognized your efforts and the personal sacrifice and stress you were under.          You need to know that the people of Wisconsin appreciate your work even though it might not always seem that way; I'm telling you now that they appreciate your efforts. What you individually and as an organization bring to the table is immeasurable.          Lastly I wanted to assure you of the Boards commitment to water quality. Not too far from here we have serious water quality issues that we are continuing to work on. These are serious problems and we look forward to your valuable insights and council as we work on these and other issues.          Thank you again for your help and support and on behalf of myself and the entire Board thank you for working with us.</p>
ACTION	Information only no action needed <b>Break at 10:30 back at 10:45</b>

**C. RESULTS OF WCC ADVISORY QUESTIONS**

**BOHMANN**

DISCUSSION	<p>Question 13          Support the Natural Resources Board Choosing the DNR Secretary          M/Door 2<sup>nd</sup> Douglas to Adopt M/C          Question 14          Eliminate the "Artificial-Only" restrictions from the regular season trout regulations          M/Monroe 2<sup>nd</sup> Richland to Reject          Discussion: Eau Claire Chairman of Trout committee request's rejection, this failed at committee level.          The current rule affects a small area in comparison to the total stream area. This came from rule simplification and made it into the questionnaire but what wasn't mentioned was there are a number of DNR Fisheries's Biologist that feel this is needed in some areas as a management tool. It also did a poor job of explaining hook mortality; we have NO studies to back any claims one way or the other. It passed in 4 counties by 1 vote and 5 counties by 2 votes. If a few more people would have attended in those counties maybe we wouldn't be having this debate.          Pierce: We don't want to take tools out of the tool box for managers.</p>
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Outagamie: This was the only resolution that passed through the Executive Council that was submitted by the Rules Simplification Committee. It was written by a former DNR fish biologist who said he wished that he had never supported the rule when it first was enacted it wasn't necessary and wanted to correct it.

Fond du lac: This rule should probably go away but when you take action like this with out studies that are science based you are leaving yourself open and on a slippery slope for that he would want it voted down due to the fact that it didn't go back to the DNR for review.

M/C Request for paddle vote was ruled OUT OF ORDER

Question 15

2011 Wisconsin ACT21 Exempt Rule Process M/Kenosha 2<sup>nd</sup> Manitowoc to adopt M/C

Question 16

Applying for a Bear Tag

M/ Door 2<sup>nd</sup> Iron to Reject

Discussion: Price He wrote the resolution last year and feels that it was misunderstood this was only an option and wouldn't allow anyone to get quicker preference.

Voice vote to close / Paddle Vote Yes 37 No 35 M/C

Question is Rejected

Question 17

Nonresident Black Bear Preference Point Price Increase

M/ Chippewa 2<sup>nd</sup> Jefferson to Adopt M/C

Question 18

Division of counties into multiple deer management units

M/ Florence 2<sup>nd</sup> Columbia to Adopt

Discussion: Iowa This will cause too many problems and all previous studies Deer 2000 and Deer Trustee report disagree

Eau Claire It is not a problem and they support

Bayfield: Supports

Columbia: Supports and we need it

Waupaca: If you do this it will make it impossible to come to agreement they oppose

Voice vote to close Paddle Vote

Yes 53 No 18

M/C

Question is Adopted

Question 19

Allow county deer advisory councils to extend the archery season to January 31 in the Southern Farmland Zone

M/ Kenosha 2<sup>nd</sup> Ozaukee to Adopt

M/C

Question 20

Repeal the iron mining law M/ Sawyer 2<sup>nd</sup> Langlade to Adopt

M/C

Question 21

Moratorium on new state permits for frac sand mining and processing

M/ Waukesha 2<sup>nd</sup> Brown to Adopt

M/C

Question 22-23

Ban lead from sporting ammunition and fishing tackle

Question 22 ( State managed lands)

M/ Manitowoc 2<sup>nd</sup> Outagamie to reject

Discussion: La Cross opposed Definition of state lands includes MFL and Shooting ranges would require nontoxic shot.

Fond du lac: We can add exemptions as we go for clarification and we might not have that flexibility if we are forced into it.

Outagamie: This was a very poorly written question the author was not in favor of the final question

M/C Rejected

Question 23 (Fishing Bait)

Fond du lac: apposed some chromed tackle is plated not specific enough it says non toxic that is not just lead.

Adams: Favors, we need to be proactive now before it's too late.

Richland: Favors, we need this now we don't know where some of the lures come from

M/C Rejected

Question 24

Single dry land trapping opener

M/Sheboygan 2<sup>nd</sup> Dodge to refer back to committee  
Discussion: Sheboygan we have had occasion to overturn state wide votes when additional information is available this is another case. Ed is chairman of the committee would like it back to rework it for possibly Question voting on next year  
M/C Referred back to committee  
Question 25  
Establish an otter bag limit  
M/ Waukesha 2<sup>nd</sup> Jefferson to Adopt  
Discuss: Ashland This is not a very clear question with no information on otter numbers there is no data to support the request.  
Richland: Apposed we need to look at these numbers more closely before we vote.  
Juneau: otters are being trapped all of the time but if you do not have a tag they go to waste.  
Rock: Minnesota has a quota of 4 per season other surrounding states have a 3 bag limit we need to start harvesting otters.  
M/C Adopted  
Question 26  
Modification of the early walleye season in the Fox River  
M/ Jefferson 2<sup>nd</sup> Door to Adopt M/C  
Question 27  
Hunting and trapping on DNR lands at Strawberry Creek  
M/ Kenosha 22<sup>nd</sup> Rock to Adopt M/C  
Question 28  
Senior Citizens Conservation Patron License  
M/ Green Lake 2<sup>nd</sup> Calumet to Adopt M/C  
Question 29  
Initiate the selling of gift certificates for DNR license, fees, permits  
M/ Crawford 2<sup>nd</sup> Iowa to adopt M/C  
Question 30  
Increase scientific, professional natural resources management in the Wisconsin DNR  
M/ Manitowoc 2<sup>nd</sup> Kenosha to Adopt M/C  
Question 31  
License fee increase  
M/ La Cross 2<sup>nd</sup> Douglas to Adopt M/C  
Question 32  
Registration of non-motorized water craft  
M/ Pierce 2<sup>nd</sup> Waukesha to Reject M/C  
Question 33  
Removal of waterfowl blinds on public lands  
M/Vilas 2<sup>nd</sup> Waukesha to Adopt M/C  
Question 34  
End the 16 day 1:00 PM closure in Mead Wildlife Area  
M/ Monroe 2<sup>nd</sup> Iowa to Reject M/C  
Question 35  
Raise public awareness of DNR/ conservation efforts for all Wisconsinites  
M/ Dodge 2<sup>nd</sup> Polk to Adopt M/C  
Question 36  
Learn to hunt participation  
M/Portage 2<sup>nd</sup> La Cross to Adopt M/C  
Question 37  
Wildlife conservation stamp  
M/ Outagamie 2<sup>nd</sup> Jefferson to Adopt M/C  
Question 38  
Alternate bag limit for Wisconsin's trout fisheries  
M/ Taylor 2<sup>nd</sup> Monroe to Adopt M/C  
Question 39  
Allow unfilled spring Turkey Permits to be used in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> season  
M/ Door 2<sup>nd</sup> Dane to Reject M/C  
Question 40  
Reopen the year round walleye fishing season on the Lower Black River  
M/ La Cross 2<sup>nd</sup> Monroe to Adopt M/C  
Question 41  
Increase the size limit on Trout Lake (Vilas County) to 50 inches  
M/ Buffalo 2<sup>nd</sup> Calumet to Adopt M/C  
Question 42

	Holding fish for personal gain M/ Buffalo 2 <sup>nd</sup> Calumet to Adopt M/C Question 43 Elimination of size limit on Largemouth Bass On Diamond Lake (Bayfield County) M/ Buffalo 2 <sup>nd</sup> Calumet to Adopt M/C Question 44 Muskellunge size limit increase on North and South Twin Lakes (Vilas County) M/ Buffalo 2 <sup>nd</sup> Calumet to Adopt M/C Question 45 Reduce Yellow Perch daily bag limit on Bearskin Lake (Oneida County) M/ Buffalo 2 <sup>nd</sup> Calumet to Adopt M/C	
<b>ACTION</b>	AS Stated	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>
WCC Chairman to present to DNR Board		Next DNR Board Meeting

### C. GOVERNOR SCOTT WALKER

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>The governor thanked the Congress for all of their work on behalf of conservation in this great state. Today he would like to focus his talk on CWD and what his administration is planning to do to continue to address this serious problem. We as a state have been continually engaged since it was first identified. Wisconsin has tested more deer than any other state (123,000). While it is important to recognize this effort and see that we have not been just sitting on the sidelines, more needs to be done. I have continued to receive communications from concerned legislators through out this state asking for us to do something or with suggestions or possible actions. It became apparent that we know more about this disease than we did 10 years ago but there is still much to learn.</p> <p>I am proposing the following additional actions to address CWD in this state:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) I have asked the department to invest more money in science based research in CWD management. Additional research in population dynamics with emphasis in the Southern part of the state along with predator movement and its relationship to CWD.</li> <li>2) To follow the deer trustees report in using County Deer Advisory Councils (CDAC) to help offer a way to use local people to advise on what course of action to take in each CWD positive area. When we first started CWD management over 10 years ago we were very aggressive in the use of sharpshooters. This was a controversial method and I and the legislators heard your concerns and made adjustments. In 2011 when we had a CWD positive near the Shell Lake area the DNR put together a group of local stake holders to assist in and help manage action plans so that everyone had a voice in how the decisions were made. With CDAC's in place in all 72 counties we will be able to react and have their assistance should we need them for this in the future.</li> <li>3) I have asked that work be done to reduce the time for test results on deer harvested in CWD positive areas. While the science has shown that there is no connection in CWD in cervid's passing it along to humans our goal would be to eventually have test results back with in 48 hours. Current turn around time has been 2 ½ weeks so hopefully we will be able to improve on that substantially. I'm not sure if 48 hours is possible but that would be the goal.</li> <li>4) Require more fence inspections for the captive deer farm industry. Currently the requirement is once every 10 years our goal would be every 2 years. Working with our deer farms and DATCAP as partners finding what best management practices should be in place industry wide.</li> <li>5) Work with the Deer Scent Industry to develop a "Best Management Practice" for the use of urine based natural scents.</li> <li>6) Upgrade the states "CWD Emergency Response Plan", this was requested by the DNR Board and I endorse this proposal.</li> </ol> <p>In closing, we want to keep hunters in the fields with sound and responsible resource management, taking appropriate action when needed. We will work with the Congress and other stakeholders to achieve science based answers and develop science based action plans. We are committed to keeping the Heritage of Deer Hunting intact in a respectful and understanding way. Keeping in mind all of our stakeholders concerns. While there are many other areas in resource management that we could be talking about I wanted to share this with you today. Thank you again for all you do in helping to manage our states resources now and for future generations.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	Informational only no action necessary <b>Break for Lunch 12:30 PM Back from lunch 1:30 PM</b>	

### D. STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLIMENTATION UPDATE

**ART LERSCH, UW EXTENSION**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Art updated the delegates on the status of the plans implementation. This is the fourth annual review that he has given that was developed and adopted in 2013. This is a living document that can be modified as you move forward
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in the process. As it is scheduled to be done in 2018 unless additional review allows it to continue.

The committee met to review the comment sheets from last year's convention and also review how the plan was doing compared to the set goals.

Art also reminded everyone to please take the time to fill out this year's survey.

In October the Strategic Plan committee met and formalized plans and recommendations to the Executive Council. They reviewed last year's convention questionnaire, 93 people responded, which is about 25% of the organization.

Some of the data taken from responses on our agreed upon set goals, show the following:

- A. 2/3 of the respondents agrees or strongly agrees that participation improvements have been made. Those not in those 2 categories made additional comments and possible areas for improvement.
- B. Spring hearing attendance showed a downward trend, this is a cause for concern and additional review. Suggestions and comments were also noted in this area.
- C. Collaboration with the DNR question. In that 71% of the respondents agree or strongly agree has improved. It is noted that CDAC helped in those collaborative efforts. It was also noted there were negative comments on CDAC which is to be expected as it is a new program.
- D. Wisconsin Conservation Congress goal of better representing age and gender profiles. Here 67% agree or strongly agree on this point. While improvement is showing, I believe we all can agree more can be done.
- E. Youth Conservation Congress participation goal had much discussion. It was felt that mentoring concerns held back a lot of participation. More clear cut guidelines would help the mentors better understand their responsibilities.

Areas for improvement:

- A. Public Relation – A lot has been done in the last year as an example the video on our webpage is very well done and helps explain who you are and what you do. 58% say more should be done, which is a common theme as we review the questionnaire.
- B. Attendance at Spring Hearings – Seems like the only way to increase attendance at spring hearings is to have more controversial questions. Short of that ideas and suggestions on how to improve attendance was in short supply. There was much concern about on line voting and the lack of a secure way to participate. Also the loss of personal interaction was mentioned.
- C. Data Collection on WCC Actions – How well WCC actions are received and how the data is collected, many delegates were unsure if and how this was being done.

At the January Executive Council meeting a report and recommendation list was presented. The following recommendations were noted:

- A. The need to create conservation alliances within the county needs to be moved forward and more aggressively pursued.
- B. Tracking results/history of rule changes – The history of rule changes and legislative action needs to also be moved forward as an actionable item as well as summarizing any impact these changes had on statewide conservation issues.
- C. CDAC Implementation – The committee wanted to help work on the smooth transition of this project. A CDAC over site committee was suggested. This is currently in place as an Ad hoc Committee.
- D. Add one additional Executive Council meeting to the annual schedule – The committee felt that this would allow additional opportunities to set policy and lessen some of the marathon meetings that take place.
- E. Add strategic plan review to the each Executive Committee meeting agenda – The committee felt strongly that this be kept in front of the congress leadership for their review and possible action.
- F. Mentoring protocols Established – These rules need to be established so the Youth Congress program can move forward. Art suggested mirroring 4H process to help develop the WCC protocol. He currently works with local 4H groups in Lincoln County in his current capacity with the UW extension and will investigate.
- G. Keep Cultivating Cultures Within WCC – It was suggested that non-consumptive users would help in diversifying Conservation Congress delegates. It should also be noted a blending of genders would also be useful.

At the January Executive Council all of these suggestions were accepted. A review will take place on the individual items at a future Executive Council meeting.

Art reminded the delegates again to please fill out and hand in this year's survey questionnaire. This is partly to keep the Strategic plan in front of everyone, but also helps prioritize what can and should be done in the future.

Last year we had a 25% return rate and he is sure we can improve on it this year.

Suggestions from floor:

- A. Put Spring hearing dates and locations in all DNR regulation books.
- B. A delegate talked about developing an eco friendly program for youth at Wildcat Mountain State Park. This was well received by them and she felt more of this would be beneficial.
- C. Delegate questioned if we have any idea how many people attended CDAC meetings state wide. Rob said the DNR website will be updated to reflect final participation numbers.
- D. Delegate commented on establishing mentor guidelines. He stated these would be very helpful and we need them so we know how to proceed. We could have additional mentors if this would be available, people are apprehensive to commit without a better understanding.

Jane Meyer chair of the Strategic Plan Committee thanked Art for all his help over the years. We wouldn't be

where we are today without his leadership and guidance. She also emphasized the need of the delegates input, comments and suggestions.

**E. PROPOSED CODE OF PROCEDURE CHANGES**

**LARRY BONDE**

Larry asked the delegates to turn to tab (4) of the convention book along with a power point presentation as he went through the proposed Code of Procedure (COP) changes. Some of the changes are house keeping as names and titles may be changed for groups and committees depending on the needed change.

The following actions were taken:

M/Waukesha 2<sup>nd</sup> Monroe to Adopt the merger of Districts 11 and 12

Discussion Kenosha The people of Milwaukee county voted 109 to 27 not to support this resolution The demographics and mixture of people in the county feel that they should continue as is and we should support their wishes.

Milwaukee: They concur with the previous speaker

Waukesha Al Shook: In the past few years have not been represented for various reasons either by lack of delegates or attendance at meetings these are hard issues to say but the facts are the facts. They need accountable representation that has been somewhat lacking for the past several years. I and Rob Bohmann are District Councilors for District 11 and we have been carrying most of the work load for quite some time. We meet as one entity in Sturtevant and conduct our business. The biggest problem is that when we meet as an Executive Council most of the time there is no one representing District 12 so for all practical purposes we are already merged.

Dane: If you look at the strategic plan merging the districts would give us less representation. He feels that it is a Congress issue rather that a county issue in finding adequate representation and is against the merger.

Columbia: Wants to go on record to abstain from the vote.

Milwaukee: As a new delegate he would like an opportunity to become more involved to correct the issues brought up today.

Larry Bonde: 10 years ago we did an overview of districts and this did not go over very well so some of this is carry over. He believed that the committee did a good job of this review and that is why they suggested the merger.

Milwaukee: We should not punish the county but rather find ways to help them he also asked if there was some way that we could guarantee Milwaukee County at least 1 seat on the council.

Buffalo: The situation is that Milwaukee has only 5 delegates to get 2 councilors from and this has been a problem for years he supports the merger.

M/C Merger is Adopted

Change name of the Executive Council to the District Leadership Council M/ Iowa 2<sup>nd</sup> Door to adopt

M/C

Housekeeping change to add the positions of Outreach/Public relations and Historian to the COP list of Executive officers M/ Dane 2<sup>nd</sup> Calumet to Adopt

M/C

Change wording to reflect that these 5 positions are the Executive Committee M/Taylor 2<sup>nd</sup> Iowa to Adopt

M/C

Delegate terms were clarified to stop possible abuse of the election process to state that a Chair or Vice Chair cannot appoint themselves to an open delegate position M/Jefferson 2<sup>nd</sup> Richland to Adopt

M/C

Page 11 District Leadership Council to take minutes and submit with in 15 days

M/Pierce 2<sup>nd</sup> Kenosha to Adopt

M/C

Pg13 Housekeeping Advisory committees Chair and Vice Chair to have Agenda and Meeting dates set at least 30 days prior to when ever possible.

M/Monroe 2<sup>nd</sup> Ozaukee To Adopt

M/C

Page 11 Eliminate at large positions wording since we have named them Outreach/ Public Relations and Historian.

M/Dunn 2<sup>nd</sup> Brown to Adopt

M/C

Page14 Change to The Department Shall designate not A Department employee M/Douglas 2<sup>nd</sup> Door to Adopt

M/C

Page 15 Add number 5 Any open position will be filled by electing a delegate (Full or Partial term) in the event that there are no candidates the Chair may then appoint.

M/Wood 2<sup>nd</sup> Polk to adopt

M/C

Page15 County officer election to reflect that any newly elected delegates will vote for County Chair and Vice Chair. This will clarify that past delegates are not eligible

M/Taylor 2<sup>nd</sup> Green Lake to Adopt

Discussion: Sheboygan the voting is not clear on when is the exact time that delegates terms start and end? In the past the new delegate's terms start and end at the end of the convention and this does not seam to be what you want to happen.

DISCUSSION

	<p>Kenosha: We need to also review this as it pertains to CDAC appointments should this go through. Sawyer we should return it back to committee Maas: We currently have a motion on the floor to adopt and we need to address that first. The original motion to Adopt was voted on M/F M/ Outagamie 2<sup>nd</sup> Brown to send back to Rules and Resolution Committee M/C Page18 (11-A) Change Executive Council to District Leadership Council. M/ Dane 2<sup>nd</sup> Waukesha to Adopt M/C</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	As stated above

**TOM HAUGE**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Tom gave his report on hearing results
<b>ACTION</b>	<p>Wildlife hearing questions Question 1,2 and 3 together Place portable deer stands on department owned land overnight North of State HYW. 64 M/ Ashland 2<sup>nd</sup> Monroe to Adopt Discussion: Ashland does the owner have the right to move the stand if it is occupied by another? We don't have all of the legal discussion yet but Yes. Vilas: Why if voted down on questions 1&amp;2 are we moving forward? The Department feels that there was support for the three year trial and felt that the deer gun season was where to try it Jefferson: Who is liable if someone falls from someone else's stand? Recreational liability law covers this. Sawyer: There is no question that asks do you want this yes or no. It is clear that the people do NOT want this in any form. Dane: This is a manipulation of the question against the will of the people. M/F M/Columbia 2<sup>nd</sup> Taylor to reject 1,2&amp;3 M/C Question #4 Establish shooting hours rather than hunting hours. The department intends to submit to the Board Discussion: Oconto: This is taking power away from the wardens this is a bad idea and takes power away and needs to be cleaned up. Jackson: This is a bad idea and as a law enforcement officer allows many bad actions to happen and takes many discretionary decisions away from the wardens. M/ Marquette 2<sup>nd</sup> Door to Adopt M/F M/Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> Pierce to reject M/C Motion to Reject passed Question Rejected Question 5 Preferences in the issue of antlerless permits No action to be taken as this is the current method of issue. M/Crawford 2<sup>nd</sup> Juneau to concur M/C Question 6 Lost on public vote no action taken M/ Columbia 2<sup>nd</sup> Dodge to reject (concur with department action) M/C Question 7 Beaver Management and trapping season preferences Advisory question no action planned M/ Richland 2<sup>nd</sup> Waukesha to Adopt (concur) Discussion: (unknown) beaver are amazing and should be kept in the environment M/C Question 8 Beaver Management zone B This is advisory and no definitive plan is in place and no action to be taken. M/Washington 2<sup>nd</sup> Florence to advance (concur) M/C Question 11 Establish consistent end dates for Fall Turkey, Pheasant, Hungarian Partridge, Fisher and Archery Deer Seasons M/Crawford 2<sup>nd</sup> Portage to Adopt</p>

	<p>M/C          Question12          Exceptions that allow harvest of antlerless deer in units where the department has not set a quota          M/ Calumet 2<sup>nd</sup> Grant to Adopt          M/C          Oconto: The action we took on number 4; will you still take the position of support?          We will have to discuss the action you took today and will consider your action when we make our decision.          Tom also stated that all CDAC recommendations were going to the DNR Board with the recommendation to adopt.          Thanks again for all of your work and dedication to the CDAC process.          We had a good Elk capture season and the next phase of translocation is in process with the last batch going to the Clam Lake area and a thank you to all of our cooperating partners in that program.          Thanks to board member Gary Zimmer for getting a grant that will help with our habitat improvement initiative.          The new Poynette Pheasant Hatchery is on track with the new incubators to be installed in the next couple of weeks.          We are working on best management practices with the scent industry for use of urine based scents and continue additional surveillance in CWD positive areas as you herd Governor Walker speak to earlier.</p>
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**G. 2016 FISHERIES HEARING RESULTS & PROGRAM UPDATES**

**JUSTINE HASZ**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Question 9          Shorten regulation change process          The department agrees with this proposal and move this forward with the congress's support          M/ Waukesha 2<sup>nd</sup> Barron to Adopt          Comment: La Cross is concerned that this is a bypass to the Congress and to what other areas that this could migrate to.          Justine: this would be a very narrow scope to make sure this did not happen          Sawyer: two years ago we started out with asking the Executive Council that we go to something similar to CDAC and call it County Fish Advisory Councils. This would allow local people take care of local issues and we wouldn't lose the congress process.          M/C          Question 10          Local public notice separate from spring hearing to change regulations with consumption advisories questions          M/ Crawford 2<sup>nd</sup> Washington to Adopt          M/C          Justine reported that the panfish proposals from last year are now in place in about 100 lakes. The rules will be in place till 2026 and evaluated as we move forward. We came up with a large number of bag and size limit changes that will complement rule simplification and work well with the long range goals of the department.          The walleye initiative is in place and going well in the ceded territory. Last year we used the emergency rule process that will keep a standard 3 bag limit so you have some uniformity in this area.          We need to tweak the trolling rule and are working on this. We will have planted 1.1 million extended growth walleyes. We have moved to the Fish Wildlife and Parks Division and added a new Deputy Bureau director Todd Salish. We continue to up grade and build additional Hatchery infrastructure.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	As stated above

Dist Leadership Council Election Results  
 The New District Leadership Councilors for 2016

Dist. 1	Joe Weiss	Dist. 6	Stan Brownell	Dist. 10	Kenneth Risley
	Rick Olson		Al Lobner		Jayne Meyer
Dist. 2	Al Brown	Dist. 7	Dale Maas	Dist. 11	Al Shook
	Dave Larson		Arlyn Splitt		Scott Gunderson
Dist. 3	Mike Riggle	Dist. 8	Staush Gruszynski		
	Ken Anderson		Larry Bonde		
Dist. 4	Bob Ellingson	Dist. 9	Lee Fahrney		
	Ronald Krueger, Sr.		Mike Rogers		
Dist. 5	Kevin Smaby				

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**H. LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE**

**TODD SCHALLER  
 DNR CHIEF WARDEN**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Todd reported that the last classes of 15 new wardens were put out into the field; we now have 197 credentialed positions available of which 19 are vacant. 14 field wardens 1 supervisory position and 3 recreational safety warden positions are open. They are putting together the necessary screening to begin the next warden class in January of 2017.</p> <p>The DNR Hot Line is a 24/7 365 days a year operation taking calls on fish, wildlife and environmental concerns. To give you some idea of the activities of our warden's staff they made 232,000 field contacts in 2015 of which 100,000 were fishery related.</p> <p>You've heard this mentioned before but we continue to work on the "3 R" program (Recruit, Retention and Re-acclimation). We have experienced a 21% increase in our "learn to hunt "(LTH) programs. A large number of adults have used the LTH opportunity because of their desire to have a more organic food source i.e.: turkey, deer and fish. This is a great learning tool and we have found adults are more likely to continue being part of the sporting community. The reasons for this are: they are more financially stable, they have a vehicle and they network with other adults, which is not the case with youth.</p> <p>Another program that is doing well is the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP). We currently have 500 hundred schools enrolled in this and at our last state shoot 1500 students participated. We have found that this is a great entrance for young people into the archery hunting.</p> <p>Our Go Wild was kicked off this year. As you all are becoming familiar with this we realize that anytime you change over a major system we are going to have some difficulties. Over 800 million pieces of data were transferred from our other program to Go Wild. With the new program you will have more ways to show your license authorization. You will have a paper receipt, your driver's license, or you can purchase a \$3. Go Wild card. Some other things to note if you fish any boundary water i.e.: Mississippi, Lake Superior or Lake Michigan, you will need a paper copy as adjoining states do not have the technology to view your license capabilities electronically.</p> <p>Tagging of game has changed some too with the use of different carcass tags. Tagging harvested game in the past you would apply your more durable carcass tag first, under the new program as long as you keep the harvested game physically in your position (i.e. within reach the tag does not need to be attached). If you have to leave harvested game unattended all tags must be attached. The tag still needs to be filled out and made available until all game is consumed. Another example as in deer hunting if you shoot a deer and have to walk a field to get your vehicle you would have to tag your harvested animal. We train our wardens to and ask you to consider if in doubt tag it, also consider putting the paper tag in a baggy or laminating it so it may survive and be legible.</p> <p>Last April Governor Walker signed a new hunter harassment law. This updated a current law that was on the books with a broader scope and description of harassment. The original law did not include harassing a hunter who was scouting an area. Now harassment in setting a stand, tampering with a stand, or generally making it difficult to hunt is considered harassment. The new law also considers harassment the use of a drone, video, or standing/following them harassment. First offense is a misdemeanor subject to \$500 fine. Any other offenses elevate to a criminal offense with a starting fine of \$2,000 and up.</p> <p>In closing I want to thank all of you for the work that you do on behalf of conservation in this state, the warden</p>
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	staff and the support you give to all the safety programs. Hunter, archery, ATV, boating and all of our other safety programs would not be possible without your participation and support. Thank you and have a good convention.
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only no action needed

**I. FORESTRY PROGRAM UPDATED**

**TOM DUKE**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Tom gave his report:  Tom Duke introduced himself as a DNR regional Forester. He thanked the delegates and stressed the importance of passing on the tradition of habitat and resource management, doing this for now and for future generations. Tom has been in the division of forestry for 35 years. Wisconsin has over 35 million acres of land of which 15 million is in forest. 7 million is open to the public and this is a lot compared to other states. New in 2016 the state entered into what is called "GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY". What this does is allow us to manage United States Forest Service (USFS) timber sales. The 2016 physical year ended July 1 in which we were able to complete sales on over 6 thousand acres of timber and have secured plans for additional 4,672 acres in August and November of this year. One sale alone was \$811,000. Some of this money goes back to USFS but a majority stays in the state to fund projects and future sales. In physical year 2017 we will have 14 thousand cord equivalents available for sale, which will be the largest sales of public timber in the US next year. The DNR is not able to sell this on its own but through this agreement we can contract with other lands available to put sales together. A majority of these properties are in the Chequamegon and Nicolet National Forests. These old growth cuts will improve habitat and make a healthy environment for future generations.</p> <p>Another notable change in our program is we will no longer support manned fire towers in the state. The unsound structure and age of the existing towers have proven too costly to maintain or replace. Our alternate will be the use of planes flying a pre-set grid policing and protecting our forests. We also have the opportunity to contract single engine fire planes during our driest potential fire seasons.</p> <p>Other areas we are deeply involved in is supporting the Conservation Congress through making sure a forestry representative is on each county CDAC and also any DMAP program. We take this very seriously and if for some reason those positions aren't filled please contact me for assistance in staffing.</p> <p>In closing the Forestry Dept. is committed to the GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY, in helping with the restoration of habitat and working with youth. Thank you all for what you have done and continue to do, and I wish you the best in your deliberations in this convention.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only no action needed

**J. SCIENCE SERVICES PROGRAM UPDATES**

**SCOTT HULL**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Scott gave his report:  Scott introduced himself and asked how many people were familiar with the Division of Science Services. He stated that Science Services works to get actionable science answers so people can make good decisions.</p> <p>A. DMAP – We used a Social Science program that worked with people before they were even enrolled in DMAP. This was done through listening sessions and questionnaires. We found that those interested really want to know more about deer on their property but also had a strong interest in managing turkeys, grouse and other critters along with their habitat.</p> <p>B. CDAC – Again we used our Social Science program to ask questions. We wanted to know how people really felt about the process, what their major concerns were and how we could ease any apprehensions they may have. We continue to monitor and ask questions in order to tweak the process and hopefully get the results needed to make the process work.</p> <p>C. Muskie's – One of the issues we were asked to investigate was how to understand Musky populations and growth rates. Most Muskie's are being processed in a catch and release environment so questionnaires were used to try to capture some of that data. This was not the only way we also used PIT tags to better understand movement and growth rates. We are finding out a lot and gathering a lot of data, finding out that Muskie's grow fairly quickly, but as they age and depending on the water this slows. There are more things to learn and we will report back later as more data is collected.</p> <p>D. Trout – Again we were asked to study and survey the growth of trout and compare that between native and hatchery raised. Some of the data suggest we get the best value for dollar by using only the first and second generation of fish. Native wild fish show the best growth dynamics but the cost to harvest eggs is too much. This information alone gave us a better understanding as to how to prioritize our hatcheries and stocking plants.</p> <p>E. Bobcat – We were asked to try to get accurate data on the state bobcat population, and if there was any preferred habitat. Currently we have collared 37 bobcats throughout the state working with trappers and other stake holders. What we are finding is the survival rates are extremely high. Of the 37 collared animals only 3 did not make the first year, one was hit by a vehicle, one expired for unknown reasons and the 3<sup>rd</sup> may have been a technical problem. We also discovered that bobcats are spread out throughout the north woods and it appears that they have no particular habitat preference. It should also be noted that their range appears to be spreading into the central and southern part of the state.</p>
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	<p>F. Snapshot Program – We started this new program and it is utilizing trail cameras to observe wildlife throughout the state. This program will continue to add additional trail cams so far 12.5 million photos have been received. Some of these are in the elk range and what we are putting together based on location are maps reflecting elk, deer, bear and where their territories overlap. It is hoped that we will be able to use photos to develop a cow/calf ratio and if successful use this data to develop harvest rates on not only elk but deer metric studies.</p> <p>Thank you for your time this afternoon and I will be around later to answer any questions you may have.</p>
ACTION	Information only no action needed

**K. DR. JAMES KROLL**

DISCUSSION	<p>Dr. Kroll introduced himself and welcomed the delegates; commenting that he was sometimes known as the Deer Czar. That is not an accurate representation, for the last 46 years he has worked as a research scientist studying white tailed deer all over the country. He developed the deer management assistance program (DMAP). The emphasis is on "management assistance". In 1978 he and his wife bought a piece of land in Texas. It was his intention to manage the property for deer bringing it back to a more habitat friendly environment. The property had good water and everything else basically needed it was just a matter of how the manage it properly. He also hoped to be able to make the cost of the project to be self sustaining through timber harvest. He slowly discovered what changes were needed which allowed him to have good success with white tailed deer. A side bar to this was the increased quality habitat greatly increased the amount of other wildlife that used the property.</p> <p>When he first came to Wisconsin he found it was difficult for people to get their head around the issues needed to produce results. You need quality data to make good decisions and what you see is not always going on. The DNR does not manage deer, people manage deer. You as land owners, hunters and activists determine things like habitat, food stores, who and how many people have access and ultimately whether you choose to harvest a deer. This includes the age, sex and number on a particular property. This is why DMAP and its proper use are so important. As I said before all decision making should be done on sound data, which means people getting out in the field observing, recording and just generally paying attention to what is going on. He emphasized using available resources and those are not always the obvious ones. The normal biologists that study things like carrying capacity preferred and available foods are obvious but you also should consider things like predator management which might mean talking to local trappers, extensive use of trail cameras and other measures less obvious.</p> <p>It is important to set out your vision or goal for the property you intend to manage. Make no mistake there is a difference between your goal and your expectations, many people have higher expectations that make it impossible to achieve your desired goal. I will say again and stress a need to set realistic goals. Deer management is site specific, what works in one area may very well not work in another. Bear in mind detailed record keeping is critical. This allows you to see and access your management program. You should also see some progress to encourage continued commitment. Many theories have been murdered by facts; continued record keeping will give you trends and keep the program on track.</p> <p>There are 3 key areas that you have to be concerned with: people, habitat and population. In DMAP the DNR responds and assesses data management plans, program requirement framework and tools that apply to the goal. You make decisions based on those parameters again this is area specific.</p> <p>He works with farmers, land owners, hunters and other stake holders. All these tools must be used to be successful. If you had a tool and didn't use it what good is it? You do not manage a deer heard you fine tune it in baby steps a little at a time. He also said he has no respect for population estimates and deer per habitat acre/mile. It would be better to focus on age/sex ratios, fawn mortality, and buck/doe ratios. These are all important parts of the puzzle and a tool in the process.</p> <p>Determining the proper stocking level is critical, deer are browsers you must know what deer want and need to survive. To improve you will need a browse survey included is what I call a 123 assessment. If you categorize food sources, (1) what deer love to eat, (2) what deer like to eat (3) what deer will only eat if 1 and 2 are gone. Use this raking when you assess the property you are attempting to manage.</p> <p>Let's talk about fawn survival; you're really trying to find out what happened over a set period of time. If you are seeing good survival his guess that you had the predators' reasonably under control. Other considerations would be again food sources and weather (rain, temperature, snow cover). Heard health is vital and you need to collect accurate data on all facets allowing you to make successful decisions to reach and achievable goal.</p> <p>Let's go back and talk about predators'. In most cases they are on the rise and need to be managed. Once again you need to measure the numbers. You can always discuss this with the DMAP coordinator but in most cases you will know over time what's too much and make adjustments. I mentioned before habitat is what controls the deer heard. All of the metrics we have been talking about for the most part comprise habitat. Fragmentation: the breaking up of land into smaller pieces makes deer management hard to impossible. In his experience if you are trying to manage anything less than 80 acres effectively you will need to cooperate with adjoining land owners. To properly manage a deer heard remember a deer eats a ton of forage a year and remember they really don't like to eat grass. You need to come up with a way to have native forage available year round, it may not always be the same forage but it needs to be a combination depending on the time of year. Some of the speakers earlier talked about timber harvest this is an excellent opportunity to develop long range quality browsing opportunities. He</p>
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	<p>realizes that not everybody has access to big timber but there are other options out there and talking with your DMAP representative is a way to go.</p> <p>In closing I hope some of our discussion today gives you a better understanding and a few tools to help you out. Data, reports, goals, expectations and communication are all part of making a science based goal for success. Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you this afternoon and I hope you have success.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only no action needed

**L. MIDWEST OUTDOOR HERITAGE EDUCATION EXPO**

**MARK LA BARBERA**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Mark thanked the congress for all their efforts over the years in making the Expo a success. The expo is an opportunity for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade youth to experience the outdoors. He showed a brief video of last year's expo. As of right now they are 18% ahead of last year's total registration. He commented that this is the type of field trip that fathers volunteer as chaperones and teacher reviews have shown that the youth look forward and talk about their experiences long after the event. His goal is to continue the growth each year providing a better product and new prodigals to make it better for the volunteers and mentors.</p> <p>Rob Bohmann: "Mark as you know every year at the convention we conduct a gun raffle board. Last year we raised and will donate \$1500 to be used by the expo. Our fundraising for this year consists of again our gun raffle board and 3 walk around raffles to be conducted at tonight's banquet. The proceeds from these raffles will be our donation for next year's expo. And thank you for spearheading this important project."</p> <p>Mark thanked the congress for this year's gift; he thanked the congress for what we have done and what we continue to do for the youth of Wisconsin.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only no action needed End of Day Meeting adjourned for the day at 5:32 PM

**CALL TO ORDER DAY (2)**

<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY</b>	<b>Chairman Robert Bohmann at 9:20 AM 5/13/16</b>
<b>ROLL CALL</b>	<p>Showed 69 of 72 counties having at least 1 delegate in attendance and 7 youth delegates</p> <p>Menominee, Richland and Shawano Counties were absent</p> <p>(See Sheet)</p>

**CHAIRMAN BOHMANN INTRODUCED THE RESULTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS HELD EARLIER THIS MORNING:**

- CHAIRMAN LARRY BONDE
- VICE CHAIR AL SHOOK
- SECRETARY DALE MAAS
- OUTREACH/ PUBLIC RELATIONS LEE FAHRNEY
- HISTORIAN JOE WEISS

HE THEN LED THE CONGRESS IN THE PLEDGER OF ALLIGANCE

**S. RESOLUTIONS ASSIGNED TO THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND "FLOOR OF THE CONGRESS"**

**LARRY BONDE**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Larry asked that the delegates refer to tab (2) of the convention boo titled 2016 resolution results by county. Each resolution is assigned to a committee with the following changes or amendments:</p> <p>011316 Goes to Legislative instead of Migratory per Executive Council.</p> <p>By the way all resolutions assigned to the Executive Council/leadership Council will be acted on at their meeting later this month on the 24<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>030116 goes to Executive Council instead of Deer and Elk</p> <p>060416 Goes to Legislative instead of Migratory per Executive Council.</p> <p>060416 Goes to Legislative instead of Migratory per Executive Council</p> <p>320216 Goes to Legislative instead of Environmental</p> <p>540616 Goes to Legislative instead of Migratory per Executive Council</p> <p>All others are as stated in the book.</p> <p>M/ Sheboygan 2<sup>nd</sup> Door to adopt Rules and Resolutions Committee report</p> <p>Discussion: Larry: FYI all resolutions having to do with double fencing were referred to the Leadership Council for their meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Discussion: Sheboygan; M/Sheboygan 2<sup>nd</sup> Manitowoc to reconsider that 530316 go also to Fur along with Environmental Committee. M/C</p> <p>M/ La cross 2<sup>nd</sup> Crawford 320116 (cross RR right of ways)to floor of Cong M/C</p>
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M/ Forest to move 130116 to legislative from floor of Congress Motion Failed for lack of 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
M/ Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> Langlade move 270216 to Leadership Council instead of Legislative M/C  
M/ Buffalo 2<sup>nd</sup> Pepin 060416 assign to Environmental along with Legislative M/C  
On the original motion to adopt the Rules and resolutions Committee report can we get a friendly amendment to include as amended? Approved: Sheboygan Approved: Door. All in favor to Approve report as Amended M/C  
Waupaca County delegates were given t shirts saying "I survived Waupaca County CDAC Meeting and they were signed by the Governor yesterday.  
Resolutions assigned to "Floor of the Congress":  
Resolution 320116 RR Right Of Way. M/Columbia 2<sup>nd</sup> Monroe to adopt  
Discussion: Buffalo; We need everyone's support on this the rail road wants designated crossing this is ridiculous and cuts off access to public lands.  
Jackson: What they want is these access points for just fishing and this will mean that thousands of acres of public lands will be cut off.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jackson delegate recognized and stated that he attended a meeting for law enforcement and that the rail road police were going to step up their enforcement of the trespass laws and were digging in their heels on this issue.  
Sheboygan: Calls the question M/C  
Resolution 130116 Wholesale sale of Public Lands M /Dane 2<sup>nd</sup> Door to advance  
Discussion: Forest we have land that is being traded to improve State and Federal land. This resolution is not properly worded and would hurt the process in place.  
Sawyer: The wording is designed to oppose the Wholesale Sales of Public Land and not small trades. This is to address huge tracks of land that are being sold out of state and should not be happening.  
Dane: This needs to be supported and is important and time sensitive. M/C

<b>ACTION</b>	As stated
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
WCC Chairman to present to DNR Board	Next Board Meeting

**G.MEMBERS MATTERS**

**ALL**

**DISCUSSION**

Oneida: Would like Big Game summary issued to all CDAC's  
Dodge: Scott Zimmerman President of the Wisconsin Trappers Association presented Rob and Larry with a t shirt from their organization for their assistance over the years.  
Dale Maas: First the Congress will be having the Congress Wall of Fame at the Youth Expo at Poynette next week and asked if any delegates had some time to donate to man the booth it would be appreciate it.  
The Second issue as (Great Lakes Chair) Alerted delegates to a Commercial Fishing Industries request for Harvest review of Whitefish in the lower portion of Green Bay there were also talks of wanting to take and sell any by-catch of Walleye caught. Not all of the details are know as of yet and informational meetings are still being held. He asked all delegates to pay attention for additional developments on this issue as it could have a negative effect on all of the sport fishing venues in the Bay of Green Bay.  
Fond du Lac: Get clubs to Youth expo Trout Unlimited will be there again helping kids tie a fly in the hopes of getting them out fishing. He challenged the delegates to go back to their clubs and see if they could get involved for next year. Over 2500 kids will be in attendance this year. We always talk about how to get kids involved well here you already have a guaranteed audience. As an example a club could team up with TU and demonstrate how to tie different fishing knots, this is a great opportunity and we should expand upon it.  
Ashland: urge everyone to keep track of resolutions some of the resolutions are not very popular with the governor and legislature so we can't let them get lost.  
Chippewa: We were all given Personal challenges yesterday from Terry Hilgenberg, Dr Kroll to educate myself and others on the tools available in our tool box to effectively manage the deer herd. My CDAC committee interest is not to save a few deer I don't want to waste my time unless I can make a difference. He urged everyone to educate themselves and work together with the DNR and all local stakeholder groups.  
Washburn: CDAC is not working very well in My county, 80 % didn't want doe's shot yet it didn't happen we have wolves and probably more bear than people we don't have enough deer to hand 10,000 doe permits. We have people on our CDAC that have no clue as to what is going on yet they are making the decisions. Something is got to be changed or we are going to have more problems.  
We had one deer with CWD but no positives since then, we have a ban on baiting and feeding because of that but we also have a lot of people that like to watch deer and this is not sitting very well with them. If the DNR wants to listen to the people then who are they listening to? Everyone here is talking up CDAC but Washburn County we need to have a change. CWD is always popping up near a deer farm why can't anyone see what's happening?  
Milwaukee: working on WCC involvement issues and are concerned with merging on dist 11&12. Want to revisit next year. He invited Council Leadership to visit and see for them selves. He would want the Congress more outspoken on issues important to Milwaukee County i.e. Brown Fields, Water Quality, Plastic micro beads, Air Quality and others. These issues would help get people reinvigorated in the Congress and make his job easier to make the Congress more relevant. When he goes and talks to different groups they ask what has the WCC done or what are they doing that would fit in with there goals. By not being too involved in the environmental side they kind

	<p>of tune him out. The city of Milwaukee has different issues than rural areas and we should be doing more to be involved in these issues We are trying and could use all the help we can to get people involved and make a difference. Please you can call me or e mail me with any ideas or suggestions</p> <p>Dane: The Waukesha Lake Michigan Water diversion. He is concerned with how the water diversion is going to come back to the lake; the root river is not set up to return that amount of water on a daily basis. He asked that everyone keep an eye on that issue.</p> <p>Dane: Need to work on a way to get more people to the Spring Hearings. Getting fliers to the County delegates could help. Also mentioned Bear Tags: a person in his county has 16 preference points and wanted to give them to two different youth. Maybe we can find a way to make this work.</p> <p>Wood: Thank everyone that has hauled magazines of Wisconsin Buck and Bear Club back to your areas for the kids. Please encourage the youth participants to send in there accounts of hunting to the magazine they want to publish items like that.</p> <p>Wood: The one area that we didn't talk about much was Wolves. We need a Wolf summit maybe Tom Tiffany can help us out.</p> <p>Green: spring hearing involvement issues.</p> <p>Wood: Wolf summit</p> <p>Racine: work to get kids to expo next year. Talk with your clubs about sponsoring a bus or two. Youth Trap and Skeet at the High School level is one of the fastest growing sports please get out and support these young adults. The delegates of Racine County would like to thank Rob for all his dedication and service not only to Racine County but to the citizens of this state. Please join me in giving him our thanks and another round of applause for his service.</p> <p>Dane: We need to do more in Milwaukee County and all others we need to do more to stay relevant and work with the non-consumptive users. We need to continue to be a valuable resource to the DNR Board. He Mentioned that Al Phelan was not here this year; Al chose not to run and has retired. If you get a chance contact him.</p> <p>Adams: suggested the use of computer log in with our DNR Customer number to get more involvement in the Spring Hearing.</p> <p>Larry: Thanked everyone for the support in becoming Congress Chair. He will be counseling with past chairs and others through out the state to get input. He wants to hear from people if you have a problem but also if things are going good too. There will be some changes made to address areas that we have concerns about. If you are not appointed back as a chair or delegate of a committee it might be because you weren't following the Code of Procedure, the process depends on all of us doing what we say we will and doing it consistently.</p> <p>We will ask for feed back when we get information on up coming Land Sales. The DNR Board continues to have others testifying all the time on this issue and we sit there mute unless we have better information. We should also be giving our position on many other issues so we will be asking you t follow up in your county and help provide this type of information. There is a chance for an additional Wall of Fame if there is enough interest please discuss this it at your District meetings. The vision would have one trailer stationed in the North to keep travel time to a minimum but we only want to invest our resources if there is an interest. We also have a need for an inverter for the current trailer and also could use a few nice mounts to refresh some of our existing mounts that are showing there age.</p> <p>M/ La cross 2<sup>nd</sup> Washington to adjourn M/C</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	As stated.

### III. ADJOURNMENT

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>10:38 AM</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	<b>Dale C. Maas</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>7/10/16</b>