

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

District 9 Fall Meeting

Meeting Minutes



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| ORDER OF BUSINESS | August 10, 2016 | 7:00 p.m. | Shifflet's Spring Green |
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

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| MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY | Mike Rogers at 7:00 p.m. |
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B. ROLL CALL

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| ATTENDEES | Grant, Iowa, Crawford, Richland, Columbia, Sauk, Lafayette |
| EXCUSED | 2 |
| UNEXCUSED | 1 |
| GUESTS | Tom Hauge, Eric Lobner, Matt Esser, Bradd Simms |

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

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| DISCUSSION | none |
| ACTION | |

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

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| DISCUSSION | N/A |
| ACTION | |

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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| DISCUSSION | None |
| ACTION | |

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC]

[PRESENTER]

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| DISCUSSION | <p>Eric Lobner said 11 vacancies within his department. Provided a deer season structure update. Handed out staff matrix for the southern district.</p> <p>Reported 3140 deer tested for CWD, 298 positive. 296 positives in southern farmland area. Adult males in the western core now up to 30 percent. Reported there was a big jump to Rio (about 15 miles) in northern Columbia County. Concern about workload from picking up dead deer that landowners have called in. Eighty-three dead; 78 suspected CWD. 42 were positive. Said it can take a half a day to pick one up. 20 in Iowa County; 21 in Sauk County.</p> <p>Reported on Columbia county shooting range, delay but construction will start in Spring 2017. Upgrades at Hatchery at the game farm is about done.</p> |
| ACTION | |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
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B. WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST REPORT**[PRESENTER]**

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| DISCUSSION | <p>Matt Esser was introduced as the new deer biologist.</p> <p>Tom Hauge reported on Deer Study launch this fall to radio collar deer, bobcat and coyote on two sites similar to northern forest and eastern farmland areas conducted earlier. Both sites in Grant and Iowa counties are situated between the Wisconsin River and north of Highway 18-151.</p> <p>The study will contrast two different areas to compare CWD prevalence. 300 deer will be collared every year for five years. WCC will have opportunities to help.</p> <p>No other state has attempted a study at this level. Looking also at hunter harvest, car mortality</p> <p>Expressed concern about having CDAC involvement to address CWD response plan??</p> <p>The Governor directed CDAC reps to make input on CWD.</p> | |
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| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | | DEADLINE |
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C. FISHERIES UPDATE**[PRESENTER]**

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| DISCUSSION | <p>Bradd Sims: Reported on summer surveys which are done throughout the southern area. Staff work areas are being divided up differently based on available staffing.</p> | |
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| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | | DEADLINE |
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D. Warden Update

Joe Frost provided a staffing update. New class is starting in January. This time around some hiring will be station specific to increase recruitment numbers.

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

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| DISCUSSION | <p>Lee Fahrney reported on Communications Plan. The Outreach and Public Relations committee will begin fleshing out the plan at the next meeting.</p> <p>Mike Murphy reported on vandalism of his father's memorial. He will be getting estimates on repair or replacement. Hoped to get financial support from Congress delegates.</p> <p>Tony Grabski mentioned concern with spraying invasive species, e.g., wild parsnip. Is it possible to mow at different times along roadways to prevent the spread. Also queried the reason that boaters are stopped because they still had the plug inserted. Warden Frost said it has to do with not carrying water to other waterways. Recommendation: Pull the plug before leaving area.</p> <p>Mike Rogers verified there were no problems with committee assignments.</p> <p>Bill Howe mentioned a meeting in Stoddard to talk about improvements along the Mississippi River. Discussed getting tickets for not removing weeds from boat trailers. Many anglers are older and unable to crawl under boats. Recommendation: Use a rake to clear debris.</p> <p>Discussed Conservation Chronicle. Suggestion that delegates could opt out if they are willing to obtain the newsletter by email only.</p> | |
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

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| MEETING ADJOURNED | 9:10 p.n. |
| SUBMITTED BY | Lee Fahrney |
| DATE | August 18, 2016 |

2016 Wisconsin Conservation Congress Fall District Meeting Attendance: D9

| County | District | First | Last | Present | Absent | Excused |
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| Columbia | D9 | James | Burmeister | X | | |
| Columbia | D9 | George | Ferriter | | | X |
| Columbia | D9 | Michael | Murphy | X | | |
| Columbia | D9 | Rick | Swenson | X | | |
| Columbia | D9 | Douglas | Williams | X | | |
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| Crawford | D9 | Tad | Beutin | X | | |
| Crawford | D9 | Aaron | Fortney | X | | |
| Crawford | D9 | William | Howe | X | | |
| Crawford | D9 | Chris | Jepson | | X | |
| Crawford | D9 | Robert | Ziel | X | | |
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| Grant | D9 | Steve | Gehrke | X | | |
| Grant | D9 | Phil | Hipper | X | | |
| Grant | D9 | Rick | Knutson | X | | |
| Grant | D9 | Mariah | Popp | X | | |
| Grant | D9 | Kelly | Tollefson | X | | |
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| Iowa | D9 | Michael | Dreischmeier | | | X |
| Iowa | D9 | Lee | Fahrney | X | | |
| Iowa | D9 | Anthony | Grabski | X | | |
| Iowa | D9 | Robert | McNeill | X | | |
| Iowa | D9 | Miles | Narveson | X | | |
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| Lafayette | D9 | David | Breunig | X | | |
| Lafayette | D9 | Michael | Gould | X | | |
| Lafayette | D9 | Steven | Staver | X | | |
| Lafayette | D9 | Wayne | Stietz | X | | |
| Lafayette | D9 | Jason | Thomas | X | | |
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| Richland | D9 | David | Barron | X | | |
| Richland | D9 | John | Cler | X | | |
| Richland | D9 | Juliee | de la Terre | X | | |
| Richland | D9 | Rick | Fruit | X | | |
| Richland | D9 | Brock | Rosenkranz | X | | |
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| Sauk | D9 | Bradley | Hasheider | X | | |
| Sauk | D9 | Craig | Raschein | X | | |
| Sauk | D9 | Michael | Rogers | X | | |
| Sauk | D9 | Jeffrey | Scott | X | | |
| Sauk | D9 | Kenneth | Vertein | X | | |

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