



Wolf Management Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Location: Inn in the Woods, Gaylord MI

Date: September 1, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Roll call

Present for the Wolf Management Advisory Council (WMAC):

- Dan Kennedy, Chair
- Miles Falck
- Bea Friedlander
- Richard Pershinske
- Mike Thorman
- Amy Trotter

Present for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Staff

- Brooke Parmalee, Legal and Legislative Affairs Office
- Ed Golder, Public Information Officer
- Sara Thompson, Species Management Unit Supervisor
- Cody Norton, Large Carnivore Specialist
- Brian Roell, Wildlife Biologist
- Victoria Lischalk, Executive Assistant to the WMAC

Present for the Natural Resources Commission

- Carol Rose, Chair
- David Cozad, Commissioner

Meeting minutes

Chair Kennedy called the meeting of WMAC to order at 9:02 a.m. **Chair Kennedy** called for a roll call. All WMAC members were present.

Chair Kennedy called for a motion to approve the day's agenda. The motion was made by **Council Member Friedlander** to accept the day's agenda. The motion was supported by **Council Member Trotter**. **Chair Kennedy** called for discussion. There being none **Chair Kennedy** called for a vote to accept the agenda. The motion passed.

Chair Kennedy called for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2021 meeting. The motion was made by **Council Member Thorman** to accept minutes. The motion was supported by **Council Member Trotter**. **Chair Kennedy** called for discussion. **Council Member Trotter** asked if her edits were incorporated. The edits were incorporated except for the request to add DNR staff that were present at the meeting. Only staff that were engaged in the meeting were listed. **Council Member Friedlander** questioned the information regarding the motion for the majority and minority recommendations from the WMAC – “**Chair Kennedy** requested a motion for a motion that all recommendations by the WMAC be by majority vote and we would offer the opportunity for a minority report included in the final report.” **Council Member Friedlander** would like the September meeting minutes to clarify that the minority reports, in some instances, may not always be reflected within the recommendations. **Chair Kennedy** clarified the motion with an example – when the WMAC discusses a recommendation, the WMAC then takes a vote that for the recommendation, the vote is 4-2. The WMAC would provide the recommendation that passed by majority vote. The recommendation that was voted by the minority vote would be included but would be provided separately from the recommendation supported by the majority vote. **Chair Kennedy** called for a vote to accept the minutes. The motion passed. **Council Member Friedlander** abstained for the reasons stated.

Presentations

Wolf Management Advisory Council Updates

- a. Science-Based Management
 - i. DNR’s Wolf Survey (*Brian Roell, DNR*)
- b. Review and Update Policy
 - i. Overview of 2015 wolf management plan update (*Cody Norton, DNR*)
 - ii. Overview of the Process to Gather Data on Wolf Interactions (*Cody Norton, DNR*)

Chair Kennedy requested a 10-minute break at 11:21. The WMAC returned from a break at 11:34.

Public Comment: Victoria Lischalk read the official timekeeping procedures and guidelines for the meeting’s public appearances which began at 11:37.

- a. 10 Minute Comments
 - Jim Hoy – small group
 - Jim Hammill – small group
 - Nicole Biber - Anishinaabe Caucus

b. 5 Minute Comments

Jordan Hoover
Nancy Warren
Jeremy Applekamp
Nichole Biber
Renaë Bradley
Gary Gorniak
Steve Dey
Wallace Mathew

c. 3 Minute Comments

Kathi Mitchell
Jim Ballard
Jim Wale
Gael Sanchez
Daniel Barkman
Clinton Seawright
Matt Dagenais
Jeff Kerns
Mike Leonard
Larry Higgins
Dave Barkman

Chair Kennedy adjourned the portion of the public appearance at 1:02 p.m. The WMAC returned from lunch break at 2:05.

New Business

- a. Wolf Population Survey
- b. 2015 Wolf Management Plan Review
- c. Reporting Wolf Interactions

The WMAC discussed recommendations that may be submitted regarding the New Business items. The recommendations will be further discussed and voted on at the October meeting.

Old Business

- a. Review the WMAC Public Comment Guidelines – **Chair Kennedy** asked for a motion to change item #4 the word “several” to a specific number. **Council Member Trotter** made a motion to change public appearance guidelines, for consideration during the October meeting, to be revised to say - in instances where there are three (3) or more speakers on the same topic. **Council Member Thorman** supported the motion. **Chair Kennedy**

called for discussion, there being none, a vote was taken, and the motion carried.
Council Member Falck abstained.

Adjournment

Chair Kennedy asked for a motion to adjourn. **Council Member Friedlander** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Council Member Falck** supported the motion. **Chair Kennedy** called for discussion, there being none, a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting is adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

The date and location of the next regular meeting of the WMAC will be announced at a later date. The meeting will be held in the Upper Peninsula.

Approved:  _____
Daniel Kennedy, Chair