This is my first President’s Report for the Wisconsin Conservation. I would like to start by thanking Dan Gries for his over 30 years of service to the WWF and the publishing of the Wisconsin Conservation. I also want to thank George Borchert for all he has done work that he has done President for the WWF.

As I look at the names of all the past Presidents of the Federation I come to realize the big shoes I am going to fill but I commit to you that I will do my very best. I would like to start my President report by telling you about myself. I am married and have 4 Children and 5 Grandchildren who along with myself enjoy fishing, hunting and trapping along with all of the other great outdoor activities there are to do in the Wisconsin outdoors, I began my love of the outdoors at the young age of 5 years old, began hunting at 12 and have been doing it ever since. My biggest joy is having my grandchildren tag along with me when I am out enjoying the recreational activities that we all enjoy.

I became involved with sports clubs and organizations in 1975 when I started being a Hunter Safety Instructor and did that for 30 years. In 1978 I joined the Winnebago Conservation Club and became President in 1979 and held that position for 30 years also. Then in 1989 one other person and I started Fox Valley Pheasants Forever Chapter in Oshkosh. Along with that I have belonged to many sports clubs than I can mention. While slowing down on some of those activities, I still enjoy all of the great things Wisconsin has to offer including a great deal of dog training and training.

About 6 years ago I felt I needed something more in my life to help Conservation. A great friend of mine who I was involved with for 25 years with various conservation banquets and who I belonged to a Club with told me I should think about joining the WWF. I gave it a look, liked what I saw and I became an Associate Director for District 5 which included my residence in Omro. I soon became Chair of the Federation’s Shooting Range Committee. Shortly thereafter I was elected as the Federation’s 2nd Vice President and the rest is history. I am very grateful for all the Presidents and other officers who have helped me to be where I am today. I have never felt so involved and I am finally helping out in one way or another the Sportsmen and Women in Wisconsin. I have finally found my home. In next month’s issue I will talk about some of my Goals for the WWF and also talk about what I would like to see for the Future of WWF. Lastly if you have anything you would like to talk to me about please feel free to get hold of me at any time.

THANK YOU!
Bill Tollard, President
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Erin’s technical and personal skills go above and beyond and epitomize a wildlife profession. She is extremely self-reliant, yet the sameหลากหลาย is a great team member who is always ready to help others. Erin is a Wildlife Technician for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and is stationed at the Bandoe Small Animal Clinic and Veterinary office in Beaver Dam. WI. Erin’s main duties include state land habitat and predator management in rural and urban areas, which encompasses over 10,000 acres of state-owned land and leased lands in central WI. This land is ultimately managed for agriculture; however, the goal is to provide additional habitat for wildlife. Erin has worked for the Department as a permanent employee since 2006. During that time she has sought opportunities to work with agricultural producers to assist in managing state lands and provide producers with additional habitat to farm and graze to meet conservation and agricultural goals. Each year this partnership results in leasing agreements on state lands totaling over 350,000 acres.

Erin is an excellent ambassador for the State of Wisconsin who understands the benefits and critical need to involve partner groups and the agricultural community to meet conservation needs on our state-owned lands.

2017 Habitat Education Safety Instructor of the Year...Keith Pamperin

Keith Pamperin was certified as a Volunteer Hunter Education Instructor in October of 1977 and has been teaching students continuously since that time. During those 40 years Keith has had 4657 students certified to hunt in the State of Wisconsin. One of the biggest thrills is to have parents and grandparents bring their students to class and comment how happy they are with their new skills. During these years, Keith has been involved as a member of the Board of Directors of the WI Hunter Safety Instructors Association (WHSIA) from 2006 to the present planning and providing multiple in-state conferences and training events for volunteer Hunter Education Instructors.

Keith believes in the value of basic safety and the need to be well informed to be a good hunting companion. He was the first of the first adult only Hunter Safety Classes as a part of the curriculum. In those days it was the North Central Technical College which taught Hunter Education with the Dopey Sportsman’s Club, the Brown County Sportsmen’s Club, the Howard Eastland School District, the Ashwaubenon School District, and various venues around Brown County. In the process, Keith and his fellow team of instructors have helped thousands of Wisconsin students meet the fundamentals of safety such as the use of firearms, taking home planting, together with other activities pertaining to hunting, wildlife, and the environment during that celebration.

Field days on the property included instruction; the student state-wide survey; the Wisconsin Wildlife Association (WWOA) 3 chapter field day for WWOA Northcentral Chapter, Managed Forest Land Day in competition with the WWOA 4 chapter field day for WWOA Northcentral Chapter, and a WWOA 1 chapter field day for WWOA Northcentral Chapter.

Forestry commitments included four years of service on the National Council of Foresters’ Committee on the Tree Farm Program System (ATFS) and two years on that Executive Committee. While on the ATFS he has represented the State of Wisconsin in attending many Tree Farm functions as ambassador for state leadership. He has learned much about socialization and public relations practices. Keith has been active members of the Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee for the past 14 years.

2017 Conservation Coordinator of the Year...Manitowoc County Fish & Game

Milwaukee County Fish and Game (MCFG) was established in 1967 and is the instituted conservationist’s community effort in Wisconsin. MCFG is made up of twenty-four local conservation clubs in the county and provides their 2,200 members with input on environmental happenings and legislative policy on the county and state level. MCFG’s purpose over the years has been to provide outdoor experiences for youth and adults and educate them in conservation and sustainability initiatives. Many of the chapters maintain, manage, and repair three miles of access by the Zdanovecs to blend in with the surrounding topography. For the benefit of the land, forest, and wildlife. Such a course resulted in (9) illegal turkeys harvested over bait along with 1 deer and a case resulted in (3) illegal turkeys harvested over bait along with 1 deer and a 3 person vessel. Ryan made the biggest night hunting case of his career this past year.

Ryan set-up and staffed a publicized courtesy boat equipment station. "During the last quarter of the century, Steve was helping to develop outdoor experiences for youth and adults. In the process, Keith and his fellow team of instructors have helped thousands of Wisconsin students meet the fundamentals of safety such as the use of firearms, taking home planting, together with other activities pertaining to hunting, wildlife, and the environment.

2017 Warden of the Year...Ryan Volenberg

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Resolution Opposing Major Reductions in the USEPA 2017-2018 Budget

Whereas the United States Environmental Protection Agency plays a fundamental role in protecting, restoring and enhancing the Nation’s land, water and air resources by providing overall oversight to the 50 States in their implementation of the laws enacted by the Congress to protect our land, air and water; and

Whereas, EPA oversight assures that there is an even regulatory playing field between the states implementing Congress’ laws such as the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act, etc.; and

Whereas, Wisconsin citizens and nonprofit conservation and environmental organizations, like the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, have had to petition the USEPA to come into Wisconsin and require the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to carry out its responsibilities in carrying out the Federal environmental laws transmitted to it by the USEPA to ensure compliance with such Federal laws.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, at its 2017 Annual Meeting held April 21st and 22nd in Wisconsin Rapids, calls on the US Congress and the President to reduce these drastic cuts in the USEPA budget so as to protect the land, air and water resources of Wisconsin and the Nation.

Submitted by the WWF Environmental Committee: Jim Swanson, Chair

Resolution calling for removal of abandoned railroad grade culvert on Nebagamon Creek

Whereas, the South Shore Railroad abandoned operation in the late 1800’s or early 1900’s and as a result, ended maintenance of their railroad culvert on Nebagamon Creek; and

Whereas, there is a danger of the culvert failing which will depend on the condition of the wing-wall supports on the bridge and water seepage undermining the land, air and water resources of Wisconsin and the Nation.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its 2017 Annual Meeting held April 21st and 22nd in Wisconsin Rapids, calls on the US Congress and the President to remove the Nebraska Railroad culvert at its 2017 Annual Meeting held April 21st and 22nd in Wisconsin Rapids, calls on the US Congress and the President to remove the Nebraska Railroad culvert on Nebagamon Creek at its 2017 Annual Meeting held April 21st and 22nd in Wisconsin Rapids, calls on the US Congress and the President to remove the Nebraska Railroad culvert on Nebagamon Creek.

Submitted by WWF Fisheries Committee: Gordy Merz, Chair Ken Lundberg, Vice-Chair

Resolution to Restoring water for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

Whereas, the Great Lakes are one of the world’s most important natural resources and are the largest surface water fresh-water systems on the planet with 20% of the Earth’s freshwater; and

Whereas, the Great Lakes provide invaluable ecosystem habitat for all animals including fish and wildlife, are a valuable resource as a water supply for municipalities and industry and are also valuable for navigation and public recreation; and

Whereas, over the last two centuries human use of the Great Lakes has significantly harmed the Great Lakes ecosystem through municipal and industrial discharges, urban and rural runoff, destitute of toxic nutrient agencies and state Environmental Protection laws; and

Whereas, twelve years ago, the Heal Our Waters—Great Lakes Coalition (HOW) was formed consisting of more than 145 environmental, conservation, and outdoor recreation organizations and municipalities in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, including the Wisconsin Federation, and the Michigan Water Defense and created the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) for the purpose of restoring and protecting North America’s greatest freshwater resource: the Great Lakes; and

Whereas the HOW Coalition has been extremely successful in obtaining up to $300 million annually for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for the next fiscal year to $300 million in order to protect the Great Lakes; and

Whereas, therefore he further resolved that Wisconsin Wildlife Federation encourage the Governor and the Wisconsin legislature to request the restoration of the GLRI funding to $300 million.

Submitted by the WWF Great Lakes Committee by Committee Chair Keith Panthier, President Wisconsin Wildlife Federation of Great Lakes Sports Fishing Clubs by its President Bob Wisecup

Resolution to Support Current Forestry Account Property Tax Financing

Whereas, the Wisconsin Forestry Account funds all state forestry programs to restore and maintain Wisconsin’s healthy forests; and

Whereas, specifically, the Wisconsin Forestry Account provides a major funding source for the removal of the Northern Wisconsin forests from the cutover of the late 19th and 20th centuries, the funding of the State Forests, the County Forests, the management of the private forest lands, the Forest Service’s Tree Nurseries, Forest Pest prevention and treatment program and the Forest Fire Prevention and Forest Fire protection programs; and

Whereas, the forests that have been restored and maintained by the Wisconsin Forestry Account provide tens of thousands of jobs in the state through the logging, lumber mill, paper and printing industries, which make up a major portion of Wisconsin’s economy; and

Whereas, specifically, the Wisconsin Forestry Account supports 64,000 jobs in Wisconsin with total wages of $3.4 billion Wisconsin Forestry Account revenue was raised from $6.3 million to $12.1 million to support the restoration of forest management being a very long term management enterprise and the Forest Mill Tax has provided such a stable funding source since 1924; and

Whereas, General Purpose Revenue (GPR) funding is used for funding many other educational, health, welfare programs and other critical state programs and GPR funding can change significantly due to major changes in the state and national economies and such fluctuations would prevent the state from obtaining the instability in the Forestry Account.

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Submitted by the WWF Forest and Parks Committee, Terry Krumme, Chair Wisconsin Wildlife Federation of Great Lakes Sports Fishing Clubs by its President Bob Wisecup

Amendment by one-twentieth of a cent mill rate on retail sales at the state property tax and thereby is a stable funding source for the restoration of the Forest Account from the property tax and instead funding all of the aforementioned forestry programs through the state income and sales tax (GPR), and

Whereas, it is critically important that there be a very stable funding source for the management of forest management being a very long term management enterprise and the Forest Mill Tax has provided such a stable funding source since 1924; and

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Resolution to support increased funding in Wisconsin State Parks

whereas there is currently a $1.4 million annual deficit in the State Parks Fund, resulting in a 20-25% vacancy in park staffing, and whereas the vacancies in park staffing results in a serious maintenance deficiency of park infrastructure and natural resources, including trails, buildings, interpretive programs, signage, camper safety and security, and fish and wildlife habitat management, and whereas currently nonprofit Friends Group organizations are burdened with providing funds for necessary park related programs and expenses, and whereas the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation has a dual mission to engage in conservation education and to advocate for sound conservation policies, and whereas Wisconsin state parks and wildlife are held in the public trust for all citizens under the North American Model for Wildlife Conservation, and whereas park admission fees were raised significantly by the legislature in 2015-2016, and whereas recent budget proposals have outlined further park admission fee increases for 2017, and whereas increased admission fees create barriers for families and low income visitors to enjoy Wisconsin state parks and outdoor resources in the state, and whereas aging demographics and increased use of electronic devices by campers cause an increased demand for electrified campsite in state parks, and that currently state law limits statewide campsite in state parks to 30% electrified campsite, and whereas Wisconsin’s state parks provide outstanding outdoor nature and recreational opportunity for all Wisconsin citizens regardless of economic means, and whereas the proposed Governor’s 2017-2018 state budget once again increases entrance and camping fees raising $700,000 of the current $1.4 million park fund, leaving a remaining $700,000 deficit, and now therefore be it resolved that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its annual meeting on April 21st and 22nd, 2017, in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin requests that the Wisconsin Legislature modestly increase the cap on electrified campsite in state parks, now let it be further resolved that the Wisconsin State Legislature provide additional funding for the State Parks Fund without further increases of admission fees, thereby allowing all citizens to enjoy the recreational, educational and aesthetic value of Wisconsin State Parks. Submitted by the Conservation Leadership Corps: Marco Masceliti, Susan Harmon, Cody Kanematsu
Advisor: George Meyer-WWF

Resolution to Support Pollinator-friendly Solar Electricity Awareness and Production

whereas Wisconsin is reliant on imported non-renewable sources of electricity which pollute the land, air, and water and actively impact Wisconsin’s wildlife habitats and ecosystems, and whereas solar electricity is beneficial as a source that does not create emissions and therefore does not pollute the environment, which allows animals populations and habitats to thrive and remain; whereas Wisconsin is far short of meeting its solar energy production potential, with only one percent of Wisconsin’s electricity coming from solar energy, and whereas Wisconsin spends approximately $1.8 billion annually on imported coal and natural gas for its electric generation, and redirecting 10% towards instate solar energy production would equal to $180 million remaining within Wisconsin’s state economy and whereas, the solar energy has been on the decline since 2010 and the prices are projected to continue to decline, making solar energy a cost effective electricity generation option; and whereas, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation board passed the “Resolution to Support Pollinator-friendly Solar Electricity Awareness and Awareness in Wisconsin” in 2015”, that describes numerous ways to “promote the increase of native pollinators in Wisconsin”, and whereas, pollinator gardens would be a beneficial addition to the land under-narrived and beneath the rows of solar panels which could be utilized with native pollinator-friendly plants that would provide habitat for more than 300 song and game bird species, butterflies, and honeybees; and whereas, generating 10% of Wisconsin’s state electricity from solar would provide the opportunity to create up to 40,000 acres of pollinator-friendly habitat to be developed, which is approximately 0.2% of Wisconsin’s agricultural land, more than tripling the amount of prairies and grasslands in the state today. Now therefore be it resolved, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its annual meeting assembled April 21-22, 2017 in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin requests that the implementation of an outreach programs to educate farmers and citizens on the benefits of pollinator-friendly solar electricity creation, creating pollinator gardens that currently only 7 acres of land are supported a goal of 10% of Wisconsin’s electricity be produced by solar energy by 2040 to restore habitat and bring economic benefits to the state of Wisconsin. Submitted by the Conservation Leadership Corps: Staci Miller Logan Lowery Kristin Jones Advisor: Tyler Huubers-RNEW Wisconsin

Resolution to Create Recycling and Composting Education Kit for K-12 Schools

whereas, as of January 2016, Wisconsin’s 55,000 acres of Wisconsin land has been converted into landfills, permanently altering the native wildlife and ecosystems (Wisconsin Environmental Education Foundation 2017); and whereas, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Chapter PI 8 legislative mandates states “environmental education objectives and activities shall be integrated into the kindergarten through grade 12 sequential curriculum plans” (Third page 6); and now therefore be it resolved that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its annual meeting April 21st and 22nd, 2017, in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin requests that the staff of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation collaborate with Wisconsin Environmental Education Foundation and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to establish an education kit focusing on recycling and composting for K-12 education and make the kit available to K-12 schools and camps in the same manner as WFW’s current wildlife education trunks. Submitted by the Conservation Leadership Corps: Jeffrey D’Amato, Rachel Terranova, Morgan Laha, Lexi Worden
Advisor: Jennifer Semrau

Resolution to Continue the Publication of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine

whereas the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Wisconsin Legislative Natural Resources Communications Committee, known as Wisconsin Conservation and Environmental Programs, have published the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine for nearly ninety-eight years, and whereas, the Natural Resources Magazine is a coveted and highly popular publication providing valuable information to subscribers on DNR conservation and environmental programs, information about the diverse natural resources of this state, methods of outdoor recreation and activities private non-profit organizations, local units of government and businesses to manage and enhance Wisconsin’s natural resources, and whereas, the production and distribution of the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine is fully funded by its subscribers with the only cost to the DNR being that DNR program staff write a handful of articles every two months showcasing their conservation and environmental programs, with the majority of the magazine articles contributed by outside writers; and whereas, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation believes that it is part of the core mission and duty of the DNR to provide information to Wisconsin citizens about its programs and the management of the natural resources under its responsibility; and whereas, the Department has offered multiple times, and whereas the Wisconsin State DNR, Legislative Natural Resources Magazine, presents the Wisconsin state DNR, Legislative Natural Resources Magazine with the Department of Natural Resources, and whereas the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has made a great effort to provide information about the different Wisconsin wildlife and non-farm organizations, and utility companies that support the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and whereas now therefore it be further resolved, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and Wisconsin Conservation and Environmental Programs, in collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Wisconsin Legislators to support the development of pollinator friendly solar electricity production; and therefore be it further resolved, that the Wisconsin Conservation and Education Foundation supports a goal of 10% of Wisconsin’s electricity be produced by solar energy by 2040 to restore habitat and bring economic benefits to the state of Wisconsin. Submitted by the Conservation Leadership Corps: Staci Miller Logan Lowery Kristin Jones Advisor: Tyler Huubers-RNEW Wisconsin

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