

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
July 14, 2015

The Administrative Committee met on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 266, on second floor of the Administration Building in Lancaster, WI pursuant to the last meeting of April 7, 2015.

Members present: Robert Keeney, Robert Scallon, Mark Stead, John Patcle, Robert Keeney, Dale Hood, and Roger Guthrie. Other people present were John Beinborn and Gary Ranum.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Keeney at 1:00 p.m. Linda Gebhard, County Clerk verified that the meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law, posted in two places.

Agenda: Mark Stead, seconded by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes: Roger Guthrie, seconded by John Patcle made a motion to approve the minutes of April 7,, 2015 as written. Motion then carried unanimously.

Prototype Wolf Control Resolution: Robert Keeney introduced the Wolf Resolution; the WI DNR is in the process of revising their wolf management plan. The final stages of plan input will take place as soon as wolf management is returned to the state, which may happen soon if Congress acts to reinstate management authority to the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Congress will also enact a provision that this authority would not be subject to court challenge. This will mean the WI DNR will again be able to manage wolves (as well as MI, MN, and WY). Idaho and Montana wolves have been managed under this authority since 2011.

The following resolution, or similar resolution, has been passed by many WI county boards; it gives the counties a voice in wolf management.

This resolution has generally been discussed at Forestry, Land Conservation, Executive or Public Safety Committees as the first step.

After discussion, the highlighted changes were made; Roger Guthrie, seconded by Robert Scallon, made a motion to recommend this resolution be presented at the Grant County Board of Supervisor meeting with the changes for their consideration. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

**Prototype Wolf Control Resolution for County Boards or Other Decision Making Bodies or Clubs
6-22-15**

Whereas the WI DNR established a wolf goal of 350 (minimum overwinter count) animals in 1999, and reaffirmed this minimum overwinter count goal in 2007, based on prey availability and human population density, and nothing has happened to increase prey availability or decrease human density in the intervening years, and

Whereas the WI DNR plans to review and revise the previous wolf management plan, adopted in 1999 and revised in 2007.

Whereas the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and WI Farm Bureau have officially approved a WI wolf goal of 350 or less.

Whereas the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearings (2011) overwhelmingly supported a WI wolf minimum overwinter count goal of 350 or less.

Whereas twenty (30) county boards in northern and west central Wisconsin have passed resolutions that recommend a wolf population goal of 350 (7) or 350 or less (22), or 50 or less (1),

Whereas Wisconsin's residents have experienced depredations and threatening incidents involving wolves, including 81 incidents to animals and 6 threats to human safety in 2013, occurring in 21 counties, and

Whereas the high predator population, in particular wolves, has resulted in the reduction of the deer population where wolves are plentiful, reduced hunting opportunities, curtailed livestock and pleasure horse activities, and are a danger to pets and people,

Therefore be it resolved that the Grant County Board of Supervisors advises that Wisconsin approve a wolf overwinter **(strike minimum) change too "maximum"** count goal of 350 or less in the next revision of the Wisconsin Wolf Plan, and

Be it further resolved that the Grant County Board of Supervisors requests that the Wisconsin DNR and other partners implement meaningful population controls in the next Wisconsin Wolf Plan to bring the wolf **(strike minimum) change too "maximum"** overwinter count to goal levels, and

Be it further resolved that the Grant County Board of Supervisors requests that the WI DNR not relocate wolves that have caused problems in Wisconsin or other areas into any county in Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted to the Administrative Committee for their recommendation this 14th day of July, 2015.

/s/ Robert C. Keeney, Chair
/s/ Roger Guthrie, Secretary
/s/ Dale Hood

/s/ Mark Stead, Vice Chair
/s/ John Patcle
/s/ Robert Scallon

Vacant Position

Address Vacant Position on Administrative Committee: No formal actions was taken by the committee; John Patcle suggested that this issue be included as an agenda item on the Grant County Board of Supervisors on the July 21, 2015 meeting so nominations can be taken to elect a member for the vacant position.

Master Plan Update: Robert Keeney stated that because of an employee change in Samuels Group the process has been delayed until the new employee can get up to speed. The on-site interviews with department heads and on-site analysis will begin July 23 and 24. The Samuels Group will be ready to make their presentation to the full county board at the August county board meeting.

Committee Structure: Robert Keeney handed out an example of Washington County's committee structure; with a 30 member board, they have 6 committees. The committee discussed the following combinations for Grant County:

- 1.) Social Services, Cop, possibly Child Support
- 2.) Highway and Parks Committee
- 3.) Executive and Administrative
- 4.) Public Safety, Law Enforcement, Clerk of Court, DA, possibly Child Support

There are many things that would have to be considered, such as what State Statute would allow a county to combine, some are considered stand alone committees. The finalization of the Master Plan may change demographics of the county structure which may come into consideration. The length of a meeting was discussed if too many big committees were combined.

The committee agreed if changes were going to be implemented those changes should be done before 2016 election of the County Board of Supervisors. It was decided a September or October Administrative Committee meeting will be planned to address this issue further. The committee felt this issue should be brought before the full county board for discussion so all the members have a chance to speak their ideas. In the mean time; Robert Keeney will investigate this issue further so all information can be considered when this issue is addressed again.

Adjournment: Mark Stead, seconded by Dale Hood, made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the call of the chair. Motion carried.