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Midwest Deer & Wild Turkey Study Group Meeting
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Background

The Midwest Deer and Wild Turkey Study Group (MDWTSG) meeting is an annual gathering of wildlife managers sanctioned by and affiliated with the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Primary objectives of the meeting include dissemination of deer and wild turkey management strategies, discussion of emerging or existing issues associated with deer and wild turkey management, and coordination of regional deer and wild turkey management or research efforts. The meeting location rotates among the Midwestern states that are active within the group.

Forums such as the MDWTSG meeting provide valuable opportunities for state deer and turkey biologists to become acquainted with emerging issues and exchange information and ideas related to deer and turkey research and management. The need for state fish and wildlife agencies to establish and maintain deer and turkey biologist positions and support travel of these biologists to the annual MDWTSG meeting is imperative for exchanging information to promote quality wildlife management and research in each state. It is more important than ever that state agencies are at the forefront of issues related to deer and turkey management in order to protect the heritage and recreational opportunities of hunting for future sportsmen and sportswomen.

Meeting Summary

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Wildlife Division organized and moderated the 2021 MDWTSG meeting via Zoom on August 18, 2021. A total of 34 state deer and wild turkey biologists from 13 of the 14 Midwest member states/provinces, as well as four invited speakers, joined the virtual meeting. Due to the unusual circumstances of 2020, the schedule was shortened to include a brief session including 3 presentations, the business meeting and separate deer/turkey breakout discussions.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was called to order by L. Meduna (NE) at approximately 10:10 CST on Wednesday, August 18. The following items were discussed:

1. Location of the 2022 Meeting
 - a. Rock Springs, Kansas
2. MDWTSG Funds
 - a. Still held by NWTF, will continue with that rather than transfer between states each year
3. Proceedings from 2020 meeting to host site.

Director Action Items

Due to the consolidated nature of this meeting, the MDWTSG does not have any action items for directors to report from this meeting.

Director Information Items

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Appendix 1. Attendance List

Agency/Organization	Name
Illinois	Luke Garver
Illinois	Dan Skinner
Illinois	Peter Schlichting
Indiana	Moriah Boggess
Indiana	Steve Backs
Iowa	James Coffey
Iowa	Tyler Harms
Iowa	Dan Kaminski
Kansas	Levi Jaster
Kansas	Kent Fricke
Kentucky	Zak Danks
Kentucky	Kyle Sams
Kentucky	Gabe Jenkins
Kentucky	David Yancy
Michigan	Chad Stewart
Michigan	Adam Bump
Minnesota	Brian Haroldson
Minnesota	Barb Keller
Minnesota	Todd Froberg
Missouri	Kevyn Wiskirchen
Missouri	Jason Isabelle
Missouri	Jason Sumners
Nebraska	Luke Meduna
Nebraska	Kylie Sinclair
North Dakota	Rodney Gross
Ohio	Mark Wiley
Ohio	Clint McCoy
Ohio	Mike Tonkovich
Ontario	Chris Godwin
Wisconsin	Daniel Storm
Wisconsin	Jeff Pritzl
Wisconsin	Alaina Gerrits
Wisconsin	Chris Pollentier
National Deer Association	Matt Ross
National Deer Association	Kip Adams
Purdue University	Jonathan Brooks
University of Nebraska	Matt Gruntorad
University of Nebraska	Hunter Ellsworth
University of Nebraska	John Benson