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LEGISLATIVE FEDERAL BUDGET COMMITTEE (LFBC)

Chair: Tim Schaeffer (PA)

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**89th North American Wildlife & Natural Resources Conference
Grand Rapids, MI**

Thursday, March 28, 2024

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM ET

Agenda

10:00 AM **Call to order– Kendra Wecker, Vice-Chair**

Introductions

Agenda Review/Repair

Approval of Meeting Summary – 2023 Fall LFBC Meeting, Calgary, AB - Canada

BIL/IRA Federal Agency Implementation Updates – Kurt Thiede, AFWA

FY24 Federal Budget Update – Kurt Thiede, AFWA

FY25 AFWA Appropriations Priorities / Budget Briefings

- **Overview of AFWA priorities and outreach – Kurt Thiede, AFWA**
- **Cooperative Research Units – Jonathan Mawdsley, USGS**
- **Science Apps – Kelley Tymeson, USFWS**

AFWA Legislative Priorities – Kurt Thiede, AFWA

- **ACE Act Reauthorization 2024**
- **Recovering America’s Wildlife Act**

- **Farm Bill Reauthorization**
- **Suppressor Legislation**
- **America’s Wildlife Habitat Conservation Act**
- **Wildlife Disease Surveillance and Pandemic Prevention Act**
- **Wildlife Migration Legislation**
- **SFRBTF Reauthorization**

Discussion: Protecting Conservation Funding – *How do we better advocate for and preserve the American System of Conservation Funding?*

- *Taylor Schmitz, Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation*
- *Kurt Thiede, AFWA*
- *Tom Decker, USFWS*

State Member Updates – All State Members

Conservation Partner Legislative Priorities – All NGO Committee Members

Our NGO partners are invited to raise awareness of any of their legislative priorities.

Other Business

12:00 PM Adjourn