

Natural Resources Board

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held Wednesday, April 26, 2000, in Room 027 of the State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2), Madison, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. for action on Items 1 and 2. The meeting was recessed at 8:35 a.m. and reconvened at 3:45 p.m.

PRESENT: Trygve A. Solberg, Chair
Gerald W. O'Brien, Secretary
Herbert F. Behnke
Howard D. Poulson
Catherine L. Stepp
Stephen D. Willett

ABSENT: James E. Tiefenthaler, Jr.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Minutes to be approved.

1.A Full Board Minutes of March 29, 2000.

Mr. Willett MOVED, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, approval of the minutes as presented. The motion was carried unanimously by those members present.

1.B Agenda for April 26, 2000.

Secretary Meyer announced the following changes to the April agenda: Item 3.B (Informational Item regarding public information during Ozone Season) postponed until June; Item 3.C (Informational Item regarding Private Forest Assistance) postponed until August; Item 6.A-6 (Rule revision to ensure one-hour ozone attainment in Wisconsin) changed from hearing authorization to an informational item; and Item 6.B-8 (Kickapoo Wildlife Area land sale) moved to the May Board agenda. With those changes, Mr. Behnke MOVED, seconded by Mr. Poulson, approval of the agenda for April 26, 2000. The motion was carried unanimously by those members present.

2. Ratification of acts of the Department Secretary.

2.A Real estate transactions.

Mr. O'Brien MOVED, seconded by Mr. Willett, approval of the real estate transactions, as printed. The motion was carried unanimously by those members present.

3. Committee of the Whole.

3.A Citizen participation.

A list of public appearances is contained in the Committee of the Whole minutes for April.

3.B INFORMATIONAL ITEM – "Public Information About Air Quality During the Ozone Season."

This item was postponed until the June Board Meeting.

3.C INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Private forest assistance program.

This item was postponed until the August Board Meeting.

3.D INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Navigability issues related to agricultural drainage.

No action was taken on this informational item.

3.E Presentation of the Rebecca Wallace Award by Secretary George Meyer.

This item was presented during the Committee of the Whole meeting.

3.F Retirement resolutions.

1. Edwin Bernstein.
2. Joseph Haug.
3. Allen Prey.
4. Tom Renard.
5. Don Thompson.
6. James VanderVoort.
7. Walter Wasko, Jr.

Mr. Poulson MOVED, seconded by Mr. Behnke, approval of the retirement resolutions as presented. The motion was carried unanimously by those members present.

4. Board Members' Matters.

4.A Response to John Winecke, Wisconsin Citizens Concerned for Cranes and Doves.

This item was brought up during the Committee of the Whole meeting.

4.B Wisconsin Conservation Congress spring hearing process.

This item was brought up during the Committee of the Whole meeting.

4.C DNR and DATCP cost estimates for redesign of the nonpoint pollution abatement program.

This item was brought up during the Committee of the Whole meeting.

5. Special Committees' Reports.

There were no Special Committees' Reports this month.

6. Operating Committees.

6.A Air, Waste and Water/Enforcement Committee.

6.A-1 Minutes.

There are no minutes for March since all agenda items were taken up during the Full Board Meeting.

6.A-2 Adoption of Emergency Order RR-22-00 (E) – creation of Chapter NR 746, Wis. Adm. Code, pertaining to classification of sites with petroleum contamination (joint rule with the Department of Commerce – fourth version); and authorization for hearing on creation of a permanent rule (NR 746).

The Committee recommended and Mr. Willett MOVED, seconded by Mr. Poulson, adoption of Emergency Order RR-22-00(E) as presented. The motion was carried unanimously by those members present.

6.A-3 Authorization for hearing on the creation of s. NR 19.40, Wis. Adm. Code, pertaining to rescinding local ordinances that have more than an incidental impact on hunting, fishing or trapping.

The Committee recommended and Mr. Willett MOVED, seconded by Mr. Behnke, that the Board authorize public hearing as recommended by the Department. The motion was carried unanimously by those members present.

- 6.A-4 Authorization for hearing on revision of Chapter NR 101, Wis. Adm. Code, pertaining to changes in the wastewater fee program pursuant to 1999 Wisconsin Act 9.

The Committee recommended and Mr. Willett MOVED, seconded by Mr. Behnke, that the Board authorize public hearing as recommended by the Department. The motion was carried unanimously by those members present.

- 6.A-5 Authorization for hearing to repeal Chapters NR 161, 162 and 163 and recreate Chapter NR 162, Wis. Adm. Code, to consolidate the three chapters of the Clean Water Fund Program into a single code.

The Committee recommended and Mr. Willett MOVED, seconded by Mr. Poulson, that the Board authorize public hearing as recommended by the Department. The motion was carried unanimously by those members present.

- 6.A-6 INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Update on status of Wisconsin’s plan to attain the 1-hour ozone standard.

No action was taken on this informational item.

- 6.B Land Management, Recreation and Fisheries/Wildlife Committee.

- 6.B-1 Minutes.

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- 6.B-2 Approval of the feasibility study to establish the Badger State Park Trail in Dane and Green Counties, with an acquisition goal of 600 acres.

The Committee recommended and Mr. Behnke MOVED, seconded by Mr. Willett, that the Board approve the feasibility study to establish the Badger State Park Trail in Dane and Green Counties, with an acquisition goal of 600 acres. The motion was carried unanimously by those members present.

- 6.B-3 Approval of the proposed 2000 Zone T season in farmland deer management units and adoption of Emergency Order WM-15-00(E) on revision of Chapter NR 10, Wis. Adm. Code, pertaining to a special deer herd control hunt in forest deer management units.

The Committee recommended and Mr. Behnke MOVED, seconded by Mr. Solberg, that the Board approve the proposed 2000 Zone T season in farmland deer management units, with the deletion of Units 74B (Crawford County) and 75A (Green County); and adoption of Emergency Order WM-15-00(E) pertaining to a special deer herd control hunting in forest deer management units. The motion was carried unanimously by those members present.

- 6.B-4 Adoption of Order WM-2-00 – revision of Chapters NR 10 and 15, Wis. Adm. Code, pertaining to wildlife housekeeping changes for 2000.

The Committee recommended and Mr. Behnke MOVED, seconded by Mr. O’Brien, adoption of Order WM-2-00 as presented. The motion was carried unanimously by those members present.

- 6.B-5 Approval of the Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement to establish the Lower Chippewa River State Natural Area in Eau Claire, Dunn, Pepin and Buffalo Counties.

The Committee recommended and Mr. Behnke MOVED, seconded by Mr. Poulson, that the Board approve the feasibility study and environmental impact statement to establish the Lower Chippewa River State Natural Area in Eau Claire, Dunn, Pepin, and Buffalo Counties, with an acreage goal of 15,000 acres. The motion was carried unanimously by those members present.

6.B-6 Glacial Habitat Restoration Area land acquisition – Fond du Lac County.

The Committee recommended and Mr. Behnke MOVED, seconded by Mr. Solberg, that the Board approve the purchase of 197 acres from Lawrence Hull for \$360,000. The motion was carried unanimously by those members present.

6.B-7 Jackson Marsh Wildlife Area/Streambank Protection Fee Program land acquisition – Washington County.

The Committee recommended and Mr. Behnke MOVED, seconded by Mr. Solberg, that the Board approve the purchase of 145.41 acres from Northland Cranberries, Inc. for \$232,700. The motion was carried unanimously by those members present.

6.B-8 Kickapoo Wildlife Area land sale – Crawford County.

This item was postponed until the May Board meeting.

6.B-9 Onion River Streambank Protection Area land transactions – Sheboygan County.

The Committee recommended and Mr. Behnke MOVED, seconded by Mr. Solberg, that the Board approve the purchase of 126.86 acres from the Windway Capital Corporation for \$800,000 and approve a boundary change for the project to include the entire parcel. The motion was carried unanimously by those members present.

6.B-10 DONATION – A total of \$34,500 from the Sheboygan Conservation Club (\$20,000); Muskies, Inc. (\$10,000); Lakeshore Chapter of Trout Unlimited (\$2,000); Local 833, UAW (\$1,500); Sheboygan Area Land Conservancy (\$500); and Johnsonville Rod & Gun Club (\$500) to be used toward the land purchase for the Onion River Streambank Project in Sheboygan County (See Item 6.B-12).

The Committee recommended and Mr. Behnke MOVED, seconded by Mr. Solberg, that the Board accept the donations. The motion was carried unanimously by those members present.

7. Department Secretary's Matters.

7.A DONATION – Acceptance of a constructed 75-car parking lot valued at \$20,800 from the Friends of Rib Mountain State Park for the Rib Mountain State Park Amphitheater.

Mr. Willett MOVED, seconded by Mr. Behnke, acceptance of the donation. The motion was carried unanimously by those members present.

7.B DONATION - \$10,000 from the Lake Koshkonong Recreation Association for fish stocking on Lake Koshkonong.

Mr. Behnke MOVED, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, acceptance of the donation. The motion was carried unanimously by those members present.

7.C DONATION – A total of \$34,500 from the Sheboygan Conservation Club (\$20,000); Muskies, Inc. (\$10,000); Lakeshore Chapter of Trout Unlimited (\$2,000); Local 833, UAW (\$1,500); Sheboygan Area Land Conservancy (\$500); and Johnsonville Rod & Gun Club (\$500) to be used toward the land purchase for the Onion River Streambank Project in Sheboygan County (See Item 6.B-9).

Mr. Poulson MOVED, seconded by Mr. Behnke, acceptance of the donations. The motion was carried unanimously by those members present.

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The Board Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

