

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

MINUTES

A joint meeting of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Board and the Natural Resources Board was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 in Room G09, State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2), Madison, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. for a briefing on the Governor's Energy Independence Initiative and Renewable Energy Goals. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

December 4, 2007

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Organizational Matters

1.A. Calling the roll

Dr. Thomas, NRB Chair and **Mr. Dummer**, ATCPB Chair welcomed both Boards' to the briefing.

Members were asked to introduce themselves in lieu of a roll call. The following were in attendance:

NRB:

David Clausen	Preston Cole
Jonathan Ela	Gerald O'Brien
John Welter	Christine Thomas
Jane Wiley	

ATCPB:

Cindy Brown	Dick Cates
Andy Dierks	Mike Dummer
Enrique Figuero	Margaret Krome
Mike Krutza	Brian Rude

Shelly Mayer was not in attendance

Matt Frank, DNR Secretary and **Rod Nilsestuen**, DATCP Secretary welcomed both Boards, stated the importance of both Boards meeting together and asked for both Departments to work on building a better relationship. This common interest will produce a stronger agricultural community and a healthy environment for Wisconsin.

Judy Ziewacz, Executive Director, Office of Energy Independence (PowerPoint) stated that the mission of the office is to advance Governor Doyle's vision for energy independence which will focus on:

- 1) Generating 25% of our state's electricity and transportation fuels from renewable resources by 2025.
- 2) Capturing 10% of the emerging bioindustry and renewable energy market by 2030.
- 3) Leading the nation in groundbreaking research that will make renewable energy more affordable and will create good paying Wisconsin jobs.

She also briefed the joint Board's on the short and long-term goals and budget provisions of the Office of Energy Independence.

Discussion followed as to the implementation of the initiatives, future planning, business impacts, challenges and opportunities, and how it relates to each Department.

The joint meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

December 5, 2007

The regular meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 in Room G09, State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2), Madison, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. for action on items 1-7. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

December 5, 2007

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Organizational Matters

1.A. Calling the roll

David Clausen – present	Preston Cole – present
Jonathan Ela – present	Gerald O'Brien – present
John Welter – present	Christine Thomas – present
Jane Wiley – present	

1.B. Approval of minutes from September 10, 2007

Mr. O'Brien MOVED, seconded by Dr. Clausen approval of the minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

1.C. Approval of minutes from September 25-26, 2007

Mr. Ela MOVED, seconded by Mr. Welter approval of the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

1.D. Approval of agenda for December 5, 2007

Dr. Clausen MOVED, seconded by Mr. Welter approval of the agenda as amended for December 5, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Ratification of Acts of the Department Secretary

2.A. Real Estate Transactions

Mr. Ela MOVED, seconded by Mr. Welter approval of the real estate transactions. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Action Items

3.A. Air, Waste, and Water/Enforcement

3.A.1 ~~Request adoption of Board Order AM 04-06, proposed rules affecting chs. NR 433 and 484 pertaining to the Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) requirements for visibility protection. **DELETED FROM AGENDA**~~

3.A.2 ~~Request Adoption of Board Order AM 24-07, proposed rules affecting NR 406, 407 & 445 pertaining to the timeline for implementation of air permit and hazardous air pollutant requirements for emissions associated with agricultural waste. **DELETED FROM AGENDA**~~

3.A.3 Request authorization for Public Hearings on Board Order WT-36-07 for revisions to NR 102 and NR 106 regarding Thermal Water Quality Rules

Bob Masnado, Water Quality Standards Section Chief, Watershed Management Bureau (PowerPoint) stated the proposed changes are necessary in order to meet U.S. EPA's requirements and to provide clarity and better consistency in the regulation of heated discharges to waters of the State. They will establish water quality standards for temperature (in NR 102) and procedures to calculate water quality-based effluent limitations (in NR 106) to regulate the discharge of heated wastewater to prevent adverse impacts to fish and other aquatic life. He requested the Board approve authorization for public hearings on Board Order WT-36-07.

Discussion followed on the Supreme Court rule changes that affect Wisconsin rules.

Mr. Welter MOVED, seconded by Dr. Clausen approval of Request authorization for Public Hearings on Board Order WT-36-07 for revisions to NR 102 and NR 106 regarding Thermal Water Quality Rules. The motion carried unanimously.

3.A.4 (MOVED to follow 4.A) Request Authorization for Public Hearings on Board Order WT-41-07 for permanent rule revisions to NR 345, Wisconsin Administrative Code, pertaining to general permit standards to allow operation of a motor vehicle on the beds of outlying waters.

3.B. Land Management, Recreation, and Fisheries/Wildlife

3.B.1 Request adoption of Board Order FH-30-07, rules to control the spread of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia virus in Wisconsin

Mike Staggs, Director, Fisheries and Habitat Bureau and **Dr. Robert Ehlenfeldt**, Administrator, Division of Animal Health, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) (PowerPoint) gave a joint presentation clarifying each Department's Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) rules and how they complement each other. Handouts were distributed to the Board from each Department. Mr. Staggs requested the Board approve adoption of Board Order FH-30-07.

Discussion followed on the testing of tuberculosis and CWD; limitations of financial resources for DATCP staff; economic impact of restricting the wild bait harvest; transporting of bait; extending the rule statewide, DATCP fish health certification process; the challenge of controlling VHS; and the disconnect between both Departments.

Mr. O'Brien MOVED, seconded by Ms. Wiley approval of the request for adoption of Board Order FH-30-07, rules to control the spread of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia virus in Wisconsin.

Dr. Clausen MOVED, seconded by Mr. Ela to amend the request for adoption of Board Order FH-30-07, rules to control the spread of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia virus in Wisconsin to make it identical to the October 2007 Emergency Rule FH-40-07(E).

Ms. Wiley MOVED, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to amend the request for adoption of Board Order FH-30-07, rules to control the spread of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia virus in Wisconsin to allow people who are continuing to fish on the same body of water to transport their bait/ minnows home and then back to same fishing location when there has been no exchange of water.

Ms. Wiley's motion to amend failed on a roll call vote of 2-5.

David Clausen – no	Preston Cole – no
Jonathan Ela – no	Gerald O'Brien – yes
John Welter – no	Christine Thomas – no
Jane Wiley – yes	

Dr. Clausen's motion to amend carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

David Clausen – yes	Preston Cole – yes
Jonathan Ela – yes	Gerald O'Brien – yes
John Welter – yes	Christine Thomas – yes
Jane Wiley – yes	

The original motion as amended carried unanimously.

3.B.2 Request adoption of Board Order FH-07-07, chapter NR 25, Commercial fishing of yellow perch in outlying waters

Bill Horns, Great Lakes Fisheries Coordinator, Fisheries Management and Habitat Protection Bureau (PowerPoint) spoke on behalf of Mike Staggs. He stated this revision would increase the total allowable annual commercial harvest of yellow perch from Green Bay (zone 1) from 60,000 pounds to 100,000 pounds. He requested the Board adopt Board Order FH-07-07.

Public Appearances:

1. **Mark Maricque**, Green Bay, representing Lake Michigan Commercial Fishing Board (handout) spoke in support of the revision. He stated their disappointment that the Department staff was not recommending splitting the harvest equally between sport and commercial fishers. He requested the Board to require Department staff to return to the Board in order to present the most recent data from 2007.

Dr. Clausen MOVED, seconded by Mr. Cole approval of the request for adoption of Board Order FH-07-07, chapter NR 25, Commercial fishing of yellow perch in outlying waters.

Dr. Thomas MOVED to amend the motion that this item will come back to the Board in one year instead of two years. Dr. Clausen and Mr. Cole accepted as a friendly amendment.

The original motion as amended carried unanimously.

3.B.3 Consideration of a request for modifications to WM-16-07, the 2007 Wildlife Management housekeeping rule package, made by the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Scott Loomans, Staff Specialist, Wildlife Management Bureau stated that the Assembly Natural Resources Committee unanimously requested modifications to Board Order WM-16-07 to place a two-year sunset on a rule that allows the use of cable restraints for bobcat in December. The sunset proposal will address the concerns of some interest groups in the short term. He requested the Board accept the request for modification to Board Order WM-16-07.

Public Appearances:

1. **Scott McAuley**, Wisconsin Rapids, representing Wisconsin Trappers Association (handout) spoke in support of the proposed modification and gave background information on this topic.
2. **Scott Zimmerman**, Reeseville, representing Wisconsin Conservation Fur Harvest was not in attendance.
3. **George Meyer**, Madison, representing Wisconsin Wildlife Federation spoke in support of the proposed modification.
4. **Ed Harvey**, Waldo, representing Wisconsin Conservation Congress was not in attendance. His written comment was distributed to the Board.

Mr. Welter MOVED, seconded by Ms. Wiley approval of the Consideration for a request for modifications to WM-16-07, the 2007 Wildlife Management housekeeping rule package, made by the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.4 Request approval of the Wisconsin Waterfowl Strategic Plan

Kent Van Horn, Migratory Bird Staff Specialist, Wildlife Management Bureau (PowerPoint) stated that this plan has identified strategies for improving waterfowl management and waterfowl hunting over the next 10 years. He requested the Board approve the Plan.

Dr. Clausen stated his concern for more open water hunting and that Goose hunter tags in Horicon and Collins should be limited to those areas to take stress of the other areas. If the Department is not going to close the season due to quota, he questioned the continued reporting when the same data is available from the federal government.

Kent Van Horn will reconsider these concerns at the end of five years (December 2012).

Public Appearances:

1. **George Meyer**, Madison, representing Wisconsin Wildlife Federation spoke in strong support of the plan. He also stated the need to promote continued recruitment of new hunters. In closing, he requested the Department produce and forward an annual report on an annual basis to the WWF Waterfowl Committee.

Dr. Thomas requested Department staff complete and send to the WWF Waterfowl Committee annual reviews of the implementation of the plan.

2. **Sandy Heidel**, Onalaska, representing herself was not in attendance.
3. **Jeff Nania**, Portage, representing the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association (handout) spoke in support of the plan. He also stated their support for Interim Guidelines for land purchased with Stewardship Funds only to the extent it facilitates ongoing purchase commitments and will not result in the loss of opportunity to secure valuable parcels.
4. **Ed Harvey**, Waldo, representing Wisconsin Conservation Congress was not in attendance. His written comment was distributed to the Board.

Dr. Clausen MOVED, seconded by Mr. Welter approval of the request for approval of the Wisconsin Waterfowl Strategic Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.5 (MOVED to follow rescheduled 3.A.4) Request approval of the Hank Aaron State Trail Boundary Adjustment

3.B.6 Request authorization for hearings on Board Order FH-42-07, revisions to NR 20 and 21 relating to hook and line lake sturgeon fishing
Karl Scheidegger, Warmwater Rivers Management Biologist, Fisheries Management spoke on behalf of Mike Staggs. He stated this proposed rule revises the existing regulations on the inland and the lower St. Croix River populations of lake sturgeon harvested by hook and line. The proposed rule would increase the minimum length limit to 60" and reduce the season length to 4 weeks on all inland waters where lake sturgeon are now harvested and the lower St. Croix River on the MN/WI boundary waters. He requested the Board approve authorization for public hearing.

Mr. Welter MOVED, seconded by Mr. Cole approval of the request for authorization for hearings on Board Order FH-42-07, revisions to NR 20 and 21 relating to hook and line lake sturgeon fishing. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cole requested from Department staff a report on how many people did not take harvest or get a permit owing to the new rules.

3.B.7 Land Acquisition - John Michael Kohler State Park - Sheboygan

Mr. Welter MOVED, seconded by Dr. Clausen approval of the Land Acquisition - John Michael Kohler State Park - Sheboygan County. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.8 Land Acquisition - Mud Lake Wildlife Area - Dodge County

Mr. O'Brien MOVED, seconded by Mr. Welter approval of the Land Acquisition - Mud Lake Wildlife Area - Dodge County. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.9 Land Acquisition - Ice Age Trail - Washington County

Discussion focused on the project boundary lines and future acreage purchases.

Public Appearances:

1. **Kevin Thusius**, Cross Plains, representing Ice Age Trail and Park Foundation spoke in support of this acquisition.

Further discussion followed regarding price per acre and obtaining partners to assist in this acquisition.

Mr. Welter MOVED, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to table the request for approval of the Land Acquisition - Ice Age Trail - Washington County until the January, 2008, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.10 Land Acquisition - Lower Wisconsin Scenic Riverway - Iowa County

Mr. O'Brien MOVED, seconded by Dr. Clausen approval of the Land Acquisition - Lower Wisconsin Scenic Riverway - Iowa County. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.11 Easement Acquisition - Lower Wisconsin Scenic Riverway - Grant County

Discussion centered on enlarging the boundary lines and on easement appraisals.

Dr. Clausen MOVED, seconded by Mr. Welter approval of the Easement Acquisition - Lower Wisconsin Scenic Riverway - Grant County and to direct staff to enlarge the boundary to include this purchase. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.12 Easement Acquisition - Lower Wisconsin Scenic Riverway - Crawford County

Ms. Wiley MOVED, seconded by Mr. Ela approval of Easement Acquisition - Lower Wisconsin Scenic Riverway - Crawford County. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.13 Land Acquisition - Kettle Moraine State Forest - Southern Unit - Waukesha County

Mr. Welter MOVED, seconded by Mr. Ela approval of Land Acquisition - Kettle Moraine State Forest - Southern Unit - Waukesha County. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.14 Land Acquisition - Waterloo Wildlife Area - Jefferson County

Mr. Ela MOVED, seconded by Mr. Welter approval of Land Acquisition - Waterloo Wildlife Area - Jefferson County. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.15 Land Acquisition - Central Wisconsin Grasslands Conservation Area - Portage County

Mr. Welter MOVED, seconded by Mr. O'Brien approval of Land Acquisition - Central Wisconsin Grasslands Conservation Area - Portage County. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.16 Land Acquisition, Donation & Boundary Modification - Evansville Wildlife Area - Rock County

Dr. Thomas MOVED, seconded by Mr. Welter approval of Land Acquisition, Donation & Boundary Modification - Evansville Wildlife Area - Rock County. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.17 Easement Purchase and Donation - Statewide Natural Areas - Rock County

Dr. Thomas MOVED, seconded by Dr. Clausen approval of Easement Purchase and Donation - Statewide Natural Areas - Rock County. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.18 Land Acquisition and Donation - Statewide Fishery Remnant Areas - Pierce County

Mr. Welter MOVED, seconded by Dr. Thomas approval of Land Acquisition and Donation - Statewide Fishery Remnant Areas - Pierce County. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.19 Land Donation - Big Muskego Lake Wildlife Area - Milwaukee

Dr. Clausen MOVED, seconded by Dr. Thomas approval of Land Donation - Big Muskego Lake Wildlife Area - Milwaukee County. The motion carried 6-0. Mr. Cole abstained.

3.B.20 Land Transfer - Big Muskego Lake Wildlife Area - Waukesha County

Mr. Ela MOVED, seconded by Ms. Wiley approval of Land Transfer - Big Muskego Lake Wildlife Area - Waukesha County. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.21 Easement Donation - Statewide Natural Areas - Oconto County

Mr. Ela MOVED, seconded by Mr. Welter approval of Easement Donation - Statewide Natural Areas - Oconto County. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.22 Easement Donation and Boundary Modification - Willow Creek Fishery Area - Richland County

Mr. Welter MOVED, seconded by Mr. O'Brien approval of the Easement Donation and Boundary Modification - Willow Creek Fishery Area - Richland County. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.23 (Moved to follow 4.A, 3.A.4 and 3.B.5) Request approval of proposed Interim Protocol for Grant Review

4. Citizen Participation

4.A. Citizen Participation

1. **George Meyer**, Poynette, Executive Director, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation (handout)
Topic: Ballast Water Discharges from International Ships. He stated current state statutes do appear to give full authority to the Department to regulate ballast water discharge without further state legislation and requested the Department to immediately initiate a process to require permits for the discharge of ballast water into the waters of the state. He then handed out a Petition for Amendment of Administrative Rule.

Mr. O'Brien requested Department legal staff to research if the Department currently has authority without obtaining further state legislation to require permits.

Mr. Welter requested Department staff to present to the Board an information item on Ballast Water at the February 2008 meeting to include the number of International ships this relates to, impact, and Department authority.

2. **Ed Frank**, Madison, representing Sharp-tailed Grouse Society Topic: Feasibility study for expansion on Pershing Wildlife Area. He requested a feasibility study be done by Department staff on expanding boundaries to the north and south of the Pershing Wildlife Area.

3. **Dave Evenson**, Cumberland, representing Sharp-tailed Grouse Society Topic: Feasibility study for expansion on Pershing Wildlife Area. He declined to speak.

Dr. Clausen requested the Department go forward with a feasibility study on the Pershing Wildlife Area.

4. **Erla Mae Clearmont**, Waterford, representing herself Topic: Mute Swans. Ms. Clearmont was not in attendance. Her written comment was distributed to the Board.

- 3.A.4 Request Authorization for Public Hearings on Board Order WT-41-07 for permanent rule revisions to NR 345, Wisconsin Administrative Code, pertaining to general permit standards to allow operation of a motor vehicle on the beds of outlying waters
Martin Griffin, Water Regulations and Zoning Specialist, Watershed Management (PowerPoint) stated the Department is proposing revised rules that would create two new general permits for dredging on the beds of outlying waters. He requested the Board approve authorization for public hearing.

Mr. Welter MOVED, seconded by Mr. Ela approval of the Request for Authorization for Public Hearings on Board Order WT-41-07 for permanent rule revisions to NR 345, Wisconsin Administrative Code, pertaining to general permit standards to allow operation of a motor vehicle on the beds of outlying waters. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.B.5 Request approval of the Hank Aaron State Trail Boundary
Bill Smith, Acting Director, Bureau of Parks (PowerPoint) stated this project boundary adjustment is necessary to allow the Hank Aaron State Trail to cross the Menomonee River and connect to the western extension of the trail. He requested the Board approve the boundary adjustment.

Dr. Clausen MOVED, seconded by Mr. Welter approval of the Request for approval of the Hank Aaron State Trail Boundary Adjustment. The motion carried 6-0. Mr. Cole abstained.

Dr. Thomas requested a tour of this trail be included in the meeting agenda when the Board travels to Milwaukee in 2008.

- 3.B.23 Request approval of proposed Interim Protocol for Grant Review
Pat Henderson, Deputy Secretary, (PowerPoint) stated the proposed Interim Protocol would be used when certain parcels are acquired with Stewardship grand funding. These parcels are noteworthy because one or more of the activities now required through 2007 Wis. Act 20 (the 07-09 Biennial Budget bill) would be restricted. Once approved, the Department would use the Interim Protocol until such time as an administrative code specifically dealing with this topic can be promulgated. He requested the Board approve the proposed Interim Protocol.

Discussion followed on existing protocol and usership patterns.

Public Appearances:

1. **Andrew Hanson**, Madison, representing Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation (handout) spoke in support of the Interim Protocol.
2. **Vicki Elkin**, Madison, representing Gathering Waters Conservancy and the Stewardship Advisory Council (handout) spoke in support of the Interim Protocol.
3. **George Meyer**, Madison, representing Wisconsin Wildlife Federation spoke in support of the Interim Protocol.
4. **Todd Holschbach**, Manitowoc, representing Nature Conservancy (handout) spoke in support of the Interim Protocol.
5. **Casey Eggleston**, Madison, representing Nature Conservancy declined to speak.

6. **Greg Kazmierski**, Delafield, representing Hunters Rights Coalition (handout) spoke in support of the Interim Protocol.
7. **Karen Etter Hale**, Lake Mills, representing Madison Audubon Society (handout) stated that not all uses are compatible at all times in all places and that the goal of Stewardship is to protect and restore as much land for wildlife and people as possible.
8. **Sandy Heidel**, Onalaska, representing herself was not in attendance.
9. **Jeff Nania**, Portage, representing the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association spoke in support of guidelines to the extent of purchase commitments. He suggested a sunset provision be added to the Protocol.
10. **Darren Marsh**, Stoughton, representing County of Dane (handout) stated Dane County is committed to designating wildlife areas for hunting and passed out Ordinance Amendment 22, 07-08.
11. **Richard Gauger**, Menomonie, representing West Wisconsin Land Trust spoke in support of the Interim Protocol and requested the Board look at purchases on a parcel by parcel basis.
12. **Tim Jacobson**, La Crosse, representing the Mississippi Valley Conservancy spoke in support of the Interim Protocol.
13. **Jim Welsh**, Madison, representing Natural Heritage Land Trust (handout) spoke in support of the Interim Protocol and requested a sunset provision be added to the Protocol.
14. **Ed Harvey**, Waldo, representing Wisconsin Conservation Congress was not in attendance. His written comment was distributed to the Board.

Dr. Clausen MOVED, seconded by Ms. Wiley approval of Request approval of proposed Interim Protocol for Grant Review.

Discussion followed on access issues to landlocked purchases, nature-based outdoor activity restrictions, appeal process, and the rule making process.

Dr. Thomas requested the Board's Stewardship Subcommittee work with Department staff to oversee the gathering of information which will inform permanent rule. Dr. Clausen asked to be removed from the Subcommittee sighting scheduling conflicts. The revised committee will consist of Mr. Welter as Chair, and members Jane Wiley and Preston Cole.

Mr. Welter MOVED to amend attachment B, 3.b. as follows: "One or more nature-based outdoor activity *significantly* interferes with land management activities necessary to preserve, enhance, and restore the conservation values protected in the project."

Dr. Clausen and Ms. Wiley accepted as a friendly amendment.

Dr. Thomas MOVED to amend Proposed Protocol #5 to change to "If Department grant staff do not find that the proposed restriction fits the conditions in the Staff Guidance for Nature-based Outdoor Activities and the grantee requests further review, grant staff will seek Natural Resources Board Stewardship Subcommittee review of the project.

Dr. Clausen and Ms. Wiley accepted as a friendly amendment.

The original motion as amended carried unanimously.

5. Board Members' Matters

Mr. Ela requested from Department staff a written summary by March 2008 of the Green Tier program to include possible policy issues, origins, how it works, funding, and participants.

Mr. Welter requested Forestry and Wildlife Management staff to report to the Board within 60-90 days as an information item on Managed Forest Law (MFL). Presentation to include potential impacts in the change in the law, other consequences that may have an impact on future viability on those lands, the balance between tax revenue and the ability to manage private forest lands, and whether that may jeopardize the program in its current position.

Mr. Welter inquired as to the status of the license plate issue he bought before the Board in September, 2007.

Mr. Welter requested orange marking on camouflage be expanded to private lands and to have this included on the next legislative agenda (fall 2008) by Department staff.

Mr. Cole requested information on the loss of hunting opportunities for hunters due to the large tracts of timber land that is currently being sold off. How has this varied over the last ten years. He asked the report be kept proportionate to the loss of land/hunting opportunities.

Mr. Cole expressed his interest in formalizing a Youth Conservation Group and asked to work with Department staff on this.

Dr. Thomas requested from Department staff two publications be sent to the full Board: 1) Congressional Sportsman Foundation's Report on the Economic Impact of Hunting and Fishing; and 2) Wildlife Society's Publication on the Effects of Windfarms on Wildlife.

Dr. Thomas requested Department staff review as to why out-of-state college students cannot get resident turkey permits and how this can be changed so they can.

Dr. Thomas asked Department staff for guidance on how the Board can extend the turkey season to 12/31.

6. Special Committees' Reports

None.

7. Department Secretary's Matters

7.A. Retirement Resolutions

7.A.1 Melody F. Walsh

7.A.2 Alan L. Czeshinski

7.A.3 Richard A. Rost

7.A.4 Edward Miller

7.A.5 Theodore J. Amman

Dr. Clausen MOVED, seconded by Mr. Welter approval of the retirement resolutions. The motion carried unanimously.

7.B. Donations

7.B.1. The Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation will donate \$6,530 for construction of a wetland crossing for the Ice Age Trail at Brooklyn State Wildlife Area.

Dr. Clausen MOVED, seconded by Dr. Thomas approval of the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation donation of \$6,530 for construction of a wetland crossing for the Ice Age Trail at Brooklyn State Wildlife Area. The motion carried unanimously.

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- 7.B.2 Willow River State Park's Organization for Wildlife Learning (OWLs) will donate \$17,000 to pay the 2007-2008 salaries of the Park's limited-term volunteer coordinator and a work study position.

Mr. Welter MOVED, seconded by Mr. Cole approval of the Willow River State Park's Organization for Wildlife Learning (OWLs) donation of \$17,000 to pay the 2007-2008 salaries of the Park's limited-term volunteer coordinator and a work study position. The motion carried unanimously.

- 7.B.3 The Newport Wilderness Society, the friends group of Newport State Park, will donate \$42,000 worth of equipment and furniture to outfit the new Hotz Wilderness Interpretive Room and naturalist office/library in the new Public Entrance and Visitor Station at Newport State Park.

Mr. Ela MOVED, seconded by Ms. Wiley approval of the Newport Wilderness Society, the friends group of Newport State Park, donation of \$42,000 worth of equipment and furniture to outfit the new Hotz Wilderness Interpretive Room and naturalist office/library in the new Public Entrance and Visitor Station at Newport State Park. The motion carried unanimously.

- 7.B.4 The Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin will donate \$14,000 to manage and monitor Wisconsin's growing osprey population.

Mr. Welter MOVED, seconded by Dr. Clausen approval of the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin's donation of \$14,000 to manage and monitor Wisconsin's growing osprey population. The motion carried unanimously.

- 7.B.5 Walleyes for Tomorrow, Inc. will donate \$10,000 to be used to support the Milwaukee River Walleye Restoration Project.

Mr. Cole MOVED, seconded by Dr. Clausen approval of Walleyes for Tomorrow, Inc. donation of \$10,000 to be used to support the Milwaukee River Walleye Restoration Project. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Information Items

8.A. Air, Waste, and Water/Enforcement

- 8.A.1 Comprehensive analysis of the potential emission reductions posed by EPA's Reasonable Progress requirements, new particulate matter standards, and proposed new ozone standards
Al Shea, Administrator, Division of Air and Waste introduced Mike Koerber, Director of the Lake Michigan Air Directors Consortium.

Mr. Koerber (PowerPoint) presented his analysis of potential emissions reductions to the Board and the challenges that are ahead for the Midwest states.

Discussion followed on nonattainment areas, the proposed standards' implications on visibility, and the pollutants that contribute to haze.

8.B. Land Management, Recreation, and Fisheries/Wildlife

- 8.B.1 Report and preliminary findings from the 2007 gun deer season

Ms. Wiley requested in future years that this report be given Tuesday afternoon.

Diane Brookbank, Director, Customer Service and Licensing Bureau (PowerPoint and handout) presented a summary of deer license sales and top sales locations, hunter information, ALIS, new call center services and how these services were marketed, and public feedback. She also distributed the 2007 Deer Hunting Season License Sales Report.

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Keith Warnke, Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Management Bureau (PowerPoint) asked to combine his presentations for 8.B.1 and 8.B.2.

The Board agreed.

Mr. Warnke presented a summary on the 2007 Deer season structure, October 4-day antlerless deer season, the statewide youth gun deer hunt, hunting conditions, registration, harvest, late season hunts, registration stub database, Earn-A-Buck, deer donations, and CWD management.

Randy Stark, Director, Law Enforcement Bureau, (PowerPoint and handout) presented his report on law enforcement during the 2007 gun deer season which included pre-season efforts, trends and issues, passing on the tradition, safety concerns, incidents, and arrests. He also distributed the 2007 Nine Day Deer Gun Season Report.

8.B.2 Preliminary report on harvest ratios during two-year trial elimination of the October 4-day antlerless deer season

Keith Warnke combined his report with 8.B.1 and presented it at that time due to time constraints.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

NOTE: Each Natural Resources Board meeting is recorded. Tapes of each meeting are available for purchase by contacting the Natural Resources Board at 608-267-7420. The following resources are also available: Agenda Item Packets (green sheets), supporting documents, and public comment.