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## NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

### MINUTES

The special meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held on Wednesday, December 22, 2010 in Room 813, State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2), Madison, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. for action on items 1-2. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Organizational Matters

1.A. Calling the roll

David Clausen – present

Jonathan Ela – present

John Welter – present

Jane Wiley – present

Preston Cole – present

Gary Rohde – present

Christine Thomas – absent

1.B. Approval of agenda for December 22, 2010

**Dr. Clausen MOVED approval, seconded by Ms. Wiley. The motion carried 6-0.**

2. Action Item

2.A. Land Management, Recreation, Fisheries, and Wildlife

2.A.1 Land Acquisition – Statewide Natural Areas – Chippewa & Pepin Counties; Statewide Fish Habitat – Pierce and Dunn Counties; Ice Age Trail – Chippewa County; Lower Chippewa State Natural Area – Dunn County; Statewide Wildlife Habitat Area – Polk County; Western Prairie Habitat Restoration – St. Croix County

**Dick Steffes**, Real Estate Director, stated that the Department proposes to acquire 1,528 acres of land. This is a settlement of an accounts receivable of \$551,000 owed by West Wisconsin Land Trust to the Department. He apologized for bringing this to the Board so late in the calendar year. The Department is trying to meet a deadline that was established by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service of January 10, 2011 to resolve this matter. He gave a brief history of this item and then requested the Board approve the land acquisition.

#### Public Appearances (2):

1. **Jane Prohaska**, St. Paul, MN, representing West WI Land Trust as Interim

Executive Director thanked the Board for all they do and for their willingness to consider this solution to what is a difficult problem. She stated she was available to answer any questions of the Board.

2. **Mike Strigel**, Madison, representing Gathering Waters stated their support for this acquisition.

Approximately one year ago they were invited by West Wisconsin Land Trust Board of Directors to assist them with an organizational assessment. They recognized the need to improve internal systems. West Wisconsin Land Trust has made significant strides to address the internal challenges that they faced. This is a good resolution for the state of Wisconsin. These are important properties. West Wisconsin Land Trust is indeed taking the appropriate steps to improve their system so the organization will be as sound as possible going forward.

**Dr. Clausen MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Rohde. The motion carried 6-0.**

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**Mr. Welter MOVED, seconded by Dr. Clausen to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0.**

\*\*\*The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.\*\*\*

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