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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

BRIEF OF ACTION

The regular meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at the Stone Harbor Resort and Conference Center, Sturgeon Bay, WI. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. for action on items 1-7. The meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Organizational Matters

1.A. Calling the roll

William Bruins – present	Preston Cole – present
Christine Thomas – present	Jane Wiley – present
Terry Hilgenberg – present	David Clausen – present
Greg Kazmierski – present	

1.B. Approval of agenda for June 22, 2011

Ms. Wiley MOVED approval, seconded by Dr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Ratification of Acts of the Department Secretary

2.A. Real Estate Transactions

Mr. Cole MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Action Items

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

3.A.1 Presentation of the Great Lakes Legal Foundation's (GLLF) petition for rulemaking to repeal the state's secondary 24-hour ambient air quality standard for particulate matter measured as total suspended particulates (TSP) and request for adoption of Board Order AM-23-07B, proposed rules affecting chs. NR 404 and 484, Wis. Adm. Code, pertaining to repeal of the state's secondary 24-hour ambient air quality standard for particulate matter measured as TSP

Dr. Thomas MOVED approval, seconded by Ms. Wiley.

Dr. Thomas MOVED, seconded by Ms. Wiley for an amendment to request that the Department work with stakeholders to develop a voluntary model ordinance for use by local governments to address welfare problems associated with particulate matter (PM) greater than PM 10.

Mr. Bruins called the question. The motion to amend passed on a roll call vote of 4-3.

William Bruins – No	Preston Cole – Yes
Christine Thomas – Yes	Jane Wiley – Yes
Terry Hilgenberg – No	David Clausen – Yes
Greg Kazmierski – No	

The original motion as amended carried unanimously.

- 3.A.2 Request authorization of public hearings for Board Order AM-11-10, proposed rules affecting NR 406, 407, and 445 pertaining to the exemption of emissions from animal agricultural waste, and the solicitation of economic impact information from entities that may be affected by the proposed rule

Mr. Bruins MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski.

Dr. Thomas MOVED, seconded by Mr. Hilgenberg to amend the rule to delay implementation until the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) comes forward with a rule or the state legislature introduces alternative legislation.

Dr. Thomas and Mr. Hilgenberg withdrew their motion to amend.

The original motion failed on a roll call vote of 3-4.

William Bruins – Yes	Preston Cole – No
Christine Thomas – No	Jane Wiley – Yes
Terry Hilgenberg – No	David Clausen – No
Greg Kazmierski – Yes	

- 3.B. Land Management, Recreation, and Fisheries/Wildlife
3.B.1 Request adoption of Board Order FR-45-10 regarding changes to NR 46 and administration of the Managed Forest Law program

Mr. Cole MOVED approval, seconded by Ms. Wiley. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.B.2 Ratification of Department decision to issue Stewardship grants for project that will prohibit two nature based outdoor recreation activities (NBOA) on non department land: ~~Waukesha County Reese Acquisition (Pewaukee River Greenway), City of Pewaukee; and Waukesha County Best Acquisition (Menomonee Park Expansion), Village of Menomonee Falls~~ **DELETED**
3.B.3 Request adoption of a new sharp-tailed grouse management plan and conservation strategy for Wisconsin

Mr. Kazmierski MOVED to table, seconded by Dr. Thomas, until a Predation Management Plan is included in the Management Plan and Conservation Strategy.

Mr. Kazmierski MOVED, seconded by Dr. Thomas to substitute this motion with one that approves the Department recommendation and requires staff to prepare a predation management plan, and to report back to the Board at the August 2011 meeting on an update and timeline on that plan.

The original motion as amended carried unanimously.

- 3.B.4 Land Acquisition - White River Fishery Area - Waushara County

Dr. Thomas MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Bruins. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.B.5 Land Acquisition - Brule River State Forest - Douglas County

Mr. Cole MOVED approval, seconded by Ms. Wiley. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.B.6 Land Acquisition- Statewide New Hatcheries - Door County

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Bruins. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cole asked Secretary Stepp to write a letter to Elizabeth Rucker acknowledging her support

of the ongoing work at the facility and for selling her property to the Department.

3.B.7 Land Acquisition - Governor Knowles State Forest - Polk County

Mr. Bruins MOVED approval, seconded by Ms. Wiley. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.8 Land Transfer and Project Boundary Modification – Willow Creek Fishery Area – Richland County

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Clausen moved the meeting to item 5 - Board Members' Matters.

5. Board Members' Matters

Mr. Bruins spoke on delisting the wolf. He expressed the growing concern amongst landowners that something needs to happen. He strongly encouraged the Department to submit comments to the US Fish and Wildlife Service prior to July 5, 2011 and to make the language as strong as possible to send a clear signal that something has to be done.

Dr. Thomas requested an information item at a future meeting on prairie chickens to include data from the last breeding season, what the Department is doing, and what needs to be done.

Mr. Hilgenberg asked for continued discussion and publication of the charter agency concept. He stated it is very important that communication be open. People are very concerned on both sides about this.

Mr. Kazmierski requested that he would like to review all Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) that the Department has entered into with non-government organizations (NGO).

Dr. Clausen distributed his research paper on the Gogebic Range for Board Member review. He will propose an action item at a future meeting on this and will coordinate with the Secretary's office on what form that may take. There is a lot of information and misinformation flying around on whether a mine is feasible and what the impacts of mining are. **(HANDOUT)**

He then stated that during item 3.A.1 this morning he mentioned economic justice and air quality concerns. He will coordinate with the Secretary's office to request a presentation at a future meeting where a discussion can take place and possibly take public testimony.

6. Special Committees' Reports

None

7. Department Secretary's Matters

7.A. Retirement Resolutions

- 7.A.1 Robert P. Barnum
- 7.A.2 Michael Coshun
- 7.A.3 Jeffrey J. Dauterman
- 7.A.4 Robert Focht
- 7.A.5 Karl Hansen
- 7.A.6 Dan Helf
- 7.A.7 John Huppert
- 7.A.8 Loren Larson
- 7.A.9 John H. Melby, Jr.
- 7.A.10 Peter Prusak
- 7.A.11 James Rakitnichan
- 7.A.12 James Schaefer
- 7.A.13 Edward Schmechel
- 7.A.14 Joel Weinert

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- 7.A.15 Todd O. Wipperman
- 7.A.16 Mike Lutz **ADDED**

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski of the retirement resolutions. The motion carried unanimously.

- 7.B. Donations
- 7.B.1 Sturgeon for Tomorrow will donate \$20,000 for the lake sturgeon exhibit at the Wild Rose Hatchery Education Center and another \$5,000 for the rearing of lake sturgeon at the Wild Rose State Fish Hatchery for a total donation of \$25,000

Ms. Wiley MOVED approval, seconded by Dr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

- 7.B.2 The Friends of Devil’s Lake State Park will donate \$16,000 to help fund an LTE position at the park to plan for and coordinate events for the 100th anniversary of Devil’s Lake State Park

Ms. Wiley MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski. The motion carried unanimously.

- 8. Information Items
- 8.A. Air, Waste, and Water/Enforcement
None

- 8.B. Land Management, Recreation, and Fisheries/Wildlife
- 8.B.1 Budget briefing

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

Dr. Clausen requested a motion to convene into Executive Session under the authority of s.19.85(1)(g) Wisconsin Statutes for purposes of discussing litigation matters.

Mr. Bruins MOVED, seconded by Mr. Hilgenberg to convene into Executive Session under the authority of s.19.85(1)(g) Wisconsin Statutes for purposes of discussing litigation matters. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

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| William Bruins – Yes | Preston Cole – Yes |
| Christine Thomas – Yes | Jane Wiley – Yes |
| Terry Hilgenberg – Yes | David Clausen – Yes |
| Greg Kazmierski – Yes | |

Dr. Clausen reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Chair Clausen reported that during the Executive Session no action was taken. He continued the meeting with 4.A. – Citizen Participation.

- 4. Citizen Participation
- 4.A. Citizen Participation

Dr. Clausen, after the public appearances were heard, he moved the meeting to item 8.B.2.

- 8.B.2 Administrative rules update

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

Dr. Thomas MOVED, seconded by Mr. Bruins to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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The meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

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