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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

BRIEF OF ACTION

A special meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 in Room G09, State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2), Madison, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. for action on item 1. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 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 January 24-25, 2012

Matt Moroney, Deputy Secretary, spoke in place of Cathy Stepp, DNR Secretary. He requested the January 24-25, 2012 agenda be amended to have Congress Matters – Item 3B10 moved prior to the Department’s Wildlife Management – Item 3B1 and Fisheries Management – Item 3B2.

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED approval of the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Bruins. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Information Items
- 2.A. Seminar
- 2.A.1 Health Effects of Air Pollution

NOTE: Seminar can be viewed on the Board Website at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/nrboard/2012/January/01-12-NRB-Agenda.htm>

INFORMATION ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

Chair Clausen moved to recess the meeting.

The meeting recessed at 4:05 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 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 2:35 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 minutes from December 13-14, 2011 DELETED (moved to February 22 agenda)
2. Ratification of Acts of the Department Secretary
- 2.A. Real Estate Transactions

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

3. Action Items
- 3.A. Air, Waste, Water, and Enforcement
- 3.A.1 Request approval to solicit comments on economic impact and authorization for public hearings on Board Order WT-23-11, relating to sewage collection systems, bypassing, and sanitary sewer overflows

Mr. Cole MOVED approval, seconded by Ms. Wiley. A Department presentation was not requested. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.A.2 Request approval to solicit comments on economic impact and authorization for public hearings on Board Order RR-04-11, proposed rules affecting chs. NR 700 to 754, Wis. Adm. Codes regarding investigation and cleanup of contaminated properties

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

- 3.B. Land Management, Recreation, Fisheries, and Wildlife
- 3.B.10 Congress Matters: Wisconsin Conservation Congress 2012 Spring Hearing Advisory Questions

INFORMATION ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

- 3.B.1 Request approval of the 2012 Wildlife Management spring meeting advisory questions to gauge public opinion

Mr. Loomans introduced and distributed an amendment to Department Advisory question 16 - Relating to the use of trail cameras on department managed lands.

Analysis

This amendment to Wildlife Management spring hearing advisory question 16 clarifies that investigating complaints related to theft or damage of unattended trail cameras will be prioritized compared to other work required of department staff. Investigating events of theft or damage of trail cameras will not be a department priority unless evidence warrants it.

A third bullet placed in the introductory information before question 16 is created to read:

- The placement of trail cameras on department managed lands is done at your own risk. The department will not be responsible for theft or damage to trail cameras on department managed lands.

Mr. Cole MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski, including the addition of a third bullet placed in the introductory information before question 16: “The placement of trail cameras on department managed lands is done at your own risk. The department will not be responsible for theft or damage to trail cameras on department managed lands.” The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.2 Request approval of the 2012 Fisheries Management spring meeting advisory questions to gauge public opinion

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

3.B.3. Request approval of bear harvest quotas for the 2012 season

Mr. Kazmierski requested bear harvest data from private and public lands.

Greg Kazmierski MOVED approval, seconded by Christine Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.4. Request approval of the Point Beach State Forest Master Plan

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

Dr. Thomas requested the Board, in order to facilitate site visits, receive an ongoing six month list of master plans that will be coming before the Board for approval.

3.B.5 Request approval for American Marten Management and Conservation Plan

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

3.B.6 Approval on Economic Impact Solicitation Process

Mr. Bruins MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Cole of Option 1 – Have no requirement that the Department request Board approval for all proposed rules prior to publically releasing proposed rule language to solicit, consult, and coordinate in the development of an EIA (Levels I, II and III). The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.7 Clarification of Board Decision about Registration Required for NBOA Access on Properties Purchased with Stewardship Program Grant Funds

Mr. Kazmierski MOVED to establish policy for all future parcels purchased in whole or in part with Stewardship Program funds on which landowners propose some user registration, to require on-site registration to accommodate any required visitor registration system.

Mr. Kazmierski’s motion was not seconded.

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED to establish policy for all future parcels purchased in whole or in part with Department funds that if there are any registration requirements, registration must be required for all users.

Mr. Hilgenberg’s motion was not seconded.

Dr. Thomas MOVED, seconded by Ms. Wiley to establish policy that the Department make a determination on all future parcels purchased in whole or in part with Stewardship funds as to whether or not proposed actions of the grantee constitute an NBOA prohibition. If the Department determines an NBOA prohibition is necessary, the Board will decide whether or not to ratify the Department’s determination at a public-noticed meeting of the Board.

Ms. Wiley called the question.

Chair Clausen requested a roll call vote.

The motion passed on a roll call vote of 6-1.

William Bruins – yes	Preston Cole – yes
Christine Thomas – yes	Jane Wiley – yes
Terry Hilgenberg – yes	David Clausen – yes
Greg Kazmierski – no	

3.B.8 Project Re-Designation and Land Acquisition - Paradise Valley Wildlife Area - Waukesha County

Dr. Thomas MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Cole.

Mr. Cole and **Mr. Hilgenberg** encouraged the Department to look into local partnerships for property management and purchase assistance.

The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.9 Land Donation and Project Boundary Modification - White River Marsh Wildlife Area – Waushara County

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hilgenberg requested that the Department check with local units of government for an endorsement or resolution to support future donations.

3.C. Scope Statements
None

Chair Clausen requested a motion to go into Executive Session under the authority of s.19.85(1)(e) Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of discussing potential real estate transactions and under the authority of s.19.85(1)(g) Wisconsin Statutes for purposes of discussing litigation matters.

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED, seconded by Dr. Thomas to go into Executive Session.

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

Chair Clausen reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Chair Clausen reported that during the Executive Session no action was taken.

4. Citizen Participation

4.A. Citizen Participation

5. Board Members' Matters

5.A. Election of Officers (to be taken up at the end of the meeting)

5.B. Review of Natural Resources Board Advisory Question(s) for the 2012 Spring Fish and Wildlife Hearings

None

6. Special Committees' Reports

None

7. Department Secretary's Matters

7.A. Retirement Resolutions

7.A.1 Thomas R. Albrecht

7.A.2 Anthony Bowers

7.A.3 James Crawford

7.A.4 William G. Engfer

7.A.5 Joseph J. Golbach

7.A.6 Joseph A. Leair

7.A.7 Randel K. Lennartz

7.A.8 Gerald J. Medinger

7.A.9 Mark J. Saunders

7.A.10 David R. Schulist

7.A.11 Barbara A. Wolf

Mr. Cole MOVED approval, seconded by Ms. Wiley of the retirement resolutions. The motion carried unanimously.

7.B. Donations

None

8. Information Items

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

8.A.1 Update on Department's response to US EPA letter dated July 18, 2011 regarding water program inconsistencies

Chair Clausen requested a memo to the Board on what rulemaking is in the pipeline that resulted specifically from these program inconsistencies.

INFORMATION ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

8.A.2 Frac Sand Update

INFORMATION ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

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

None

Chair Clausen returned the meeting to Item 5 - Board Members Matters.

5. Board Members' Matters

5.A. Election of Officers

Chair Clausen opened nominations for officers.

Dr. Thomas MOVED, seconded by Mr. Hilgenberg to nominate David Clausen for Chair of the Natural Resources Board.

Dr. Thomas MOVED, seconded by Mr. Hilgenberg that nominations for Chair be closed. The motion to elect David Clausen as Board Chair carried unanimously.

Ms. Wiley MOVED, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski to nominate Preston Cole for Vice-Chair of the Natural Resources Board.

Ms. Wiley MOVED, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski that nominations for Vice-Chair be closed. The motion to elect Preston Cole as Vice-Chair carried unanimously.

Ms. Wiley MOVED, seconded by Mr. Cole to nominate Christine Thomas for Secretary of the Natural Resources Board.

Ms. Wiley MOVED, seconded by Mr. Cole that nominations for Secretary be closed. The motion to elect Christine Thomas as Secretary carried unanimously.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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