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## NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

### BRIEF OF ACTION

The regular meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held on Wednesday, April 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 – absent	Preston Cole – present (via conference call)
Christine Thomas – present	Jane Wiley – present
Terry Hilgenberg – present	David Clausen – present
Greg Kazmierski – present	

1.B. Approval of agenda for April 25, 2012

**Secretary Stepp** requested the agenda be amended to remove the noon Executive Session from the agenda which is no longer needed; and 2) to move to the last item of the day, information item 8B1 – HDR presentation on the comprehensive Study of Wisconsin’s Fish propagation System to allow extra time for Board discussion.

**Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski as amended. The motion carried 6-0, with Mr. Bruins absent.**

1.C. Approval of minutes from March 28, 2012 **DELETED** (Moved to May 25 meeting)

2. Ratification of Acts of the Department Secretary

2.A. Real Estate Transactions

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

3. Action Items

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

None

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

3.B.1 Request adoption of Emergency Board Order WM-03-12(E) and authorization to conduct hearings on Board Order WM-09-11 related to the bobcat hunting and trapping seasons **MODIFIED**

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

3.B.2 Request authorization for public hearings on Board Order FR-19-11, relating to NR 47 subch. VII rule revision and subch. XIII rule creation of the Private Forest Landowner Grant Programs

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

3.B.3 Project establishment and designation of the Lake Michigan State Water Trail and continue to study other waterways for inclusion into a State Water Trails Program

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

3.B.4.a. Washburn County CWD Positive Deer Update **ADDED**

**Dr. Clausen** thanked Mike Zeckmeister, DNR Northern Region Program Manager for his work at the Spooner CWD hearing. It was handled as well as it could be. He walked away pleased.

**Mr. Kazmierski** complimented the department on how they have handled the response so far.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

3.B.4.b. Request approval of antlerless deer quotas and permit levels and adoption of Emergency Board Order WM-05-12 related to an October, antlerless-only firearm deer season in the CWD Management Zone

**Mr. Wallenfang**, Big Game Specialist, requested the Board amend the Secretary’s Order to remove deer management unit 27 from the list of proposed herd control units in the 2012 deer hunting season framework outside of the CWD Management Zone. Unit 27 will be a “regular unit” with an antlerless harvest quota of 3,500 and 5,000 bonus permits available at the price of \$12.00.

**Dr. Thomas** requested the department seek input from the landowners in the CWD area in the form of a survey on the department’s Website as to what the department can do to slow the spread and incidence of CWD in the CWD zone that would also be acceptable to the landowners.

**Ms. Wiley MOVED approval, seconded by Dr. Thomas as amended by the department to remove unit 27 from the list of proposed herd control units in the 2012 deer hunting season framework outside of the CWD Management Zone. Unit 27 will be a “regular unit” with an antlerless harvest quota of 3,500 and 5,000 bonus permits available at the price of \$12.00.**

**Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski to amend the proposal to designate unit 35 and unit 36 as buck only.**

**Chair Clausen** requested a roll call vote.

**The motion to amend passed 5 – 1 on a roll call vote.**

<b>William Bruins – absent</b>	<b>Preston Cole – yes</b>
<b>Christine Thomas – yes</b>	<b>Jane Wiley – no</b>
<b>Terry Hilgenberg – yes</b>	<b>David Clausen – yes</b>
<b>Greg Kazmierski – yes</b>	

**Mr. Kazmierski MOVED, seconded by Mr. Hilgenberg to amend to remove the CWD October hunt from the proposal.**

**Chair Clausen** requested a roll call vote.

**The motion to amend failed 1 - 5 on a roll call vote.**

<b>William Bruins – absent</b>	<b>Preston Cole – no</b>
<b>Christine Thomas – no</b>	<b>Jane Wiley – no</b>
<b>Terry Hilgenberg – no</b>	<b>David Clausen – no</b>
<b>Greg Kazmierski – yes</b>	

**The original motion as amended passed on a voice vote.**

3.B.5 Approval of Predation Management Addendum to Sharp-tailed Grouse Management Plan

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

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- 3.B.6 Ratification of Department decision to issue a Stewardship grant to The Conservation Fund (TCF) in the Town of Chicog, Washburn County for more than 50% of the acquisition cost

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

**Dr. Clausen** requested an optional Board tour on the Totagatic River for Monday, June 25, 2012.

- 3.B.7 Ratification of Department determination that prohibitions of nature-based outdoor activities (NBOA) are necessary: Village of Mount Pleasant, Racine County

**Ms. Wiley MOVED, seconded by Dr. Thomas to bring this item off the table for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski to amend as reflected in the April 16, 2012 Secretary's memo. The motion to amend carried unanimously.**

**The original motion as amended carried unanimously.**

- 3.B.8 Land Acquisition, Project Boundary Modification, and Partial Donation of Value – Tichigan Wildlife Area – Racine County

**Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED approval and to acknowledge the donation, seconded by Ms. Wiley. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

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

- 3.B.10 Land Acquisition, Partial Donation and Project Boundary Modification - Lost Creek Bog Natural Area - Bayfield County

**Dr. Thomas MOVED approval and to acknowledge the donation, seconded by Ms. Wiley. The motion carried unanimously.**

- 3.B.11 Land Acquisition and Project Boundary Modification - Menard Island Resources Area - Lincoln County

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

- 3.B.12 Land Acquisition and Project Boundary Modification - Stream Bank Protection - Honey Creek Area - Walworth County

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

- 3.B.13 Land Donation - Statewide Habitat Areas - Adams County

**Ms. Wiley MOVED approval and to acknowledge the donation, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski. The motion carried unanimously.**

- 3.C. Scope Statements

- 3.C.1 Request approval of the statement of scope for Board Order FR-07-12 regarding authorization to initiate rules for administration of a Time Standards grant for County Forests

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

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- 4. Citizen Participation – 1:00 p.m.
- 4.A. Citizen Recognition
- 4.A.1 Comeback Champs – Trumpeter Swans
- 4.A.2 Rebecca Wallace Award

**Secretary Stepp** announced that Jeff Bode, Lakes and Wetlands Section Chief in the Watershed Bureau, was the 2012 recipient of the Rebecca Wallace Award.

- 4.B. Citizen Participation  
None

- 5. Board Members' Matters

**Dr. Thomas** requested a report in the near future on the prairie chicken nesting season to include where we are on an upward/downward trend.

**Dr. Clausen** requested this report be given annually.

**Mr. Hilgenberg** challenged department staff to continue down the path in seeking customer and citizen input. In particular, the Spooner CWD hearing and all the hunter forums. The more input from the public, the better for all.

**Mr. Cole** wished staff and Natural Resources Board colleagues a happy Arbor Day.

**Ms. Wiley** stated there is an issue on the state statutes as to what constitutes a trail. She requested the department clean up the statute so that it includes waterways as a state trail system.

**Ms. Wiley** then requested an inventory be created consisting of waterway systems being used as canoe/kayak waterways, to include the status of portages around dams. The lower Wisconsin waterway has only one by Sauk Prairie. Going up water, there are many. Post-9-11, the utilities built fences through the portages. Going forward, portages should be convenient and well marked.

**Dr. Clausen** reiterated comments from this morning on a great job done by both administration and staff on CWD in making a positive out of an unpleasant situation.

- 6. Special Committees' Reports  
None

- 7. Department Secretary's Matters
- 7.A. Retirement Resolutions
- 7.A.1 Stewart J. Smith
- 7.A.2 Daniel L. Thill

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

- 7.B. Donations
- 7.B.1 Friends of Mirror Lake State Park will donate \$60,000 to help fund the replacement of the seating located at the existing amphitheater area of Mirror Lake State Park

**Mr. Kazmierski MOVED approval and to acknowledge the donation, seconded by Ms. Wiley. The motion carried unanimously.**

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- 7.B.2 Menomonee Valley Partners will donate a sculpture valued at \$27,000 to the Hank Aaron State Trail in Milwaukee

**Dr. Clausen** questioned whether the sculpture project would be completed in time for the August 7, 2012 Board tour.

**Mr. Cole MOVED approval and to acknowledge the donation, seconded by Mr. Hilgenberg. The motion carried unanimously.**

8. Information Items

- 8.A. Air, Waste, Water, and Enforcement  
None

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

- 8.B.1 HDR presentation on comprehensive Study of Wisconsin's Fish Propagation System

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

- 8.B.2. Real Estate Appraisal and Review Process, Stewardship Grants

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

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

\*\*\*The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.\*\*\*

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