

JUNE 27, 2012

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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

BRIEF OF ACTION

The regular meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 in the Gandy Dancer Room at The Lodge at Crooked Lake, 24271 Highway 35, Siren, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. for action on items 1-7. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Organizational Matters

1.A. Calling the roll

William Bruins – absent	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 26-27, 2012.

Dr. Thomas MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Hilgenberg. The motion carried 6 – 0, Mr. Bruins was absent.

1.C. Approval of minutes from April 25, 2012

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

1.D. Approval of minutes from May 23, 2012

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED approval, seconded by Dr. Thomas, and to include the following housekeeping corrections:

Pg 4 of 14: 3.B.9 - 4. Ed Steigerwaldt "including three lands there were - there should be ...including three lands that were acquired....

Pg 5 of 14: 3.C.1 (middle of paragraph) Wisconsin will also... should be Wisconsin also will...

Pg 6 of 14: In the paragraph following Attorney Andryk, 4th sentence - "in the drivers seat" should be "in the drivers' seat"

Pg. 11: 4.A. 2nd paragraph. Ron's banding efforts has ~~have~~ made it possible...to measure their population growth. It was documented that...in the five years that Ron has ~~had~~ been marking birds.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Ratification of Acts of the Department Secretary

2.A. Real Estate Transactions

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

3. Action Items

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

3.A.1 Presentation of the Shikar Safari Club International Wildlife Officer of the Year Award

Tom Krsnich was selected as the Shikar-Safari Club International Officer of the Year.

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- 3.B. Land Management, Recreation, Fisheries, and Wildlife
3.B.1 Request adoption of Board Order FH-21-11, revisions to NR 19 relating to requiring access to wire cutters when trolling on outlying waters

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

- 3.B.2 Designation change for Sandhill Station Campground from State Wildlife Area to State Park Property and Boundary Expansion for the Glacial Drumlin Trail **DELETED and moved to August 8, 2012 Agenda**

- 3.B.3 Land Acquisition - Flambeau River State Forest - Sawyer County

Mr. Hilgenberg questioned whether five parking spots should be considered as considerable access for the public when compared to the size of the parcel. Five spots are very limiting. He requested the department work on advancing this as time goes forward.

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

- 3.B.4 Land Acquisition - Glacial Drumlin Trail & Glacial Heritage Area – Jefferson County

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

- 3.B.5 Land Transfer & Project Boundary Modification - Lodi Marsh Wildlife Area - Dane County

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

- 3.B.6 Land Acquisition – Southwest Wisconsin Grassland & Stream Conservation Area – Dane County

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

- 3.C. Scope Statements

- 3.C.1 Request approval of the statement of scope for Board Order SS-04-12 related to Invasive Species

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

- 3.C.2 Request approval of the statement of scope for Board Order FH-10-12, revisions to NR 25 relating to commercial fish harvest limits for bloater chubs and other species in Lake Michigan

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

- 3.C.3 Request approval of the statement of scope for Board Order WM-15-12 and Emergency Board Order WM-16-12(E) relating to coyote hunting during firearm deer season

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

The motion passed 4 - 2 on a roll call vote.

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Christine Thomas – yes	Jane Wiley – no
Terry Hilgenberg – yes	David Clausen – no
Greg Kazmierski – yes	

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- 3.C.4 Informational update on the department's schedule for responding to the U.S. EPA letter dated July 18, 2011 regarding water program inconsistencies

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

Mr. Cole MOVED, seconded by Dr. Thomas to approve in aggregate 3.C.5 Request approval of the statement of scope for Board Order WT-11-12, to revise Chapter NR 106 related to expression of limits for in wastewater permits for chloride, ammonia, and other Pollutants; 3.C.6 Request approval of the Statement of Scope for Board Order WT-12-12, to revise chapters NR 106, 200, 205, 210 and 220 through 296 related to wastewater technology based limits, BMPs, procedures, and other limits; 3.C.7 Request approval of the Statement of Scope for Board Order WT-13-12, to revise chapters NR 200, 201, 203, and 205 related to wastewater permit processing and other permit procedural matters; and 3.C.8 Request approval of the Statement of Scope for Board Order SS-14-12, to revise Chapter NR 219, Wis. Admin. Rule - Analytical Test Methods and Procedures to ensure that the state's regulations are consistent with federal regulations. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Cole. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

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Christine Thomas – yes	Jane Wiley – yes
Terry Hilgenberg – yes	David Clausen – yes
Greg Kazmierski – yes	

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

4. Citizen Participation – 1:00 p.m.
4.A. Comeback Champs - Osprey Recovery Program

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

- 4.B. Citizen Participation

5. Board Members' Matters

Mr. Hilgenberg apologized for not being able to participate in the great group of events the last couple of days. He had driven past the newly built Spooner DNR office on his way to the Board meeting and noted his admiration for the "sand box" out front.

Mr. Kazmierski thanked Northern Region staff for two informative days of tours. Staff did a great job briefing the Board and answered a lot of questions.

Dr. Clausen stated that he attended the Voigt Task Force meeting. Concern was expressed on the current fur bearer populations. The fishers are about 30% under population goal (goal is approximately 9,000 with an estimated population of 6,000). Otters are 21% or 23% under population goal. In spite of that, they were overharvested by 21 or 23% last year. With a Bobcat population goal of 2,000 – 3,000, we are somewhere between 14% - 43% under where our population goal should be on our furbearers. He stated he knew the department is concerned about this. The tribes are certainly concerned about this. He requested that by January 2013, the Board receive an informational report from the department as to what they are proposing to do about this and a timeline for doing that.

He then requested an action item at the September 26, 2012 meeting as to what the department is proposing in reopening the Wolf Management Plan for adjustments.

Mr. Kazmierski noted that in the delisting, the department is on a five year probationary period where the federal government is watching. He questioned whether the delisting was predicated on the current plan and whether it would make sense to dabble in that until the department gets past the federal oversight.

Dr. Clausen stated that the current plan calls for a couple years without a season and doing depredation management. We are beyond that now.

Dr. Thomas stated the July 17 meeting could be an extraordinarily long meeting. She requested that staff make an effort to get the word out on what specific issues are open to comment on for Emergency Board Order WM-09-12(E) pertaining to wolf hunting and trapping and to make sure each person knows that those two issues are the zone boundaries and the quotas in each zone. It would be fairer for the public and fairer for the Board for everyone to understand the ground rules are specifically before that day.

6. Special Committees' Reports

None

7. Department Secretary's Matters

7.A. Retirement Resolutions

7.A.1 Karen Ecklund

7.A.2 Scott D. Follis

7.A.3 Scott Hulse

7.A.4 Scott Humrickhouse

7.A.5 John Nelson

7.A.6 Cecilia Novinski

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

7.B. Donations

7.B.1 The Trimbelle Rod & Gun Club will donate \$26,700 for trout habitat work in the Lower Chippewa River Basin

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

- 8. Information Items
- 8.A. Air, Waste, Water, and Enforcement
- 8.A.1 DNR Retrospective Review of Rules Impacting Small Business

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

- 8.B. Land Management, Recreation, Fisheries, and Wildlife
- 8.B.1 Cranes and Crop Damage

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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