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## NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

### MINUTES

A special meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held on Thursday, July 10, 2008 via teleconference in Room 813 of the State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2), Madison. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. for action on item 1. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

##### Organizational Matters

##### Calling the roll

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| David Clausen – present | Preston Cole – present     |
| Jonathan Ela – present  | Gary Rohde – present       |
| John Welter – present   | Christine Thomas – present |
| Jane Wiley - present    |                            |

#### 1. Land Acquisition – Statewide Public Access Program – Waukesha County

Discussion followed on the Golden Mast lease, staggering the future expansion of proposed boat landing parking lot, public input, security at boat landing, signage need for full lot, and town road liability.

##### **Public Appearances**

1. **William O'Connor**, Madison, representing the Okauchee Lake Management District stated he has had good discussions with the Department since the June Board meeting. The District supports the action being considered today.
2. **Don Camplin**, North Prairie, representing Waukesha County Conservation Alliance (WCCA) spoke in support of the land acquisition. The Department has an obligation to the public who do not live on the lake. Access needs to be preserved for future generations.

Discussion followed on WCCA.

3. **George Meyer**, Madison, representing the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation spoke in support of the land acquisition. Their prime goal is to increase public access to waters and hunting lands. **(HANDOUT)**

**Mr. Ela MOVED, seconded by Dr. Clausen approval of the Land Acquisition – Statewide Public Access Program – Waukesha County.**

Discussion continued on public comment and the Board's tour of site.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

#### 2. Discussion on Stewardship Subcommittee Report

**Mr. Welter** stated the Committee came up with an attempt at an organized set of questions that could be addressed by the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) so what comes back to the Board reflects this. Committee members were asked to add additional comments. Chair Thomas had transmitted the draft report to Secretary Frank without Board comments. Should the report be treated as an advisory document from the Stewardship Subcommittee to the CAC or should it be a document from the Board or in some other fashion?

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Discussion followed on whether the report should be released as informal or as a Board directive, the public hearings process, and the CAC.

**Mr. Rohde MOVED, seconded by Mr. Welter approval of the Stewardship Subcommittee Report dated June 19, 2008 to be distributed to Secretary Frank and to the Citizens Advisory Committee.**

Discussion continued as to whether the report should be a directive or for the CAC's use as they see fit.

**Mr. Ela MOVED to amend the motion to include the language *for their use as they see fit.*, as follows: "Approval of the Stewardship Subcommittee Report dated June 19, 2008 to be distributed to Secretary Frank and to the Citizens Advisory Committee *for their use as they see fit.*"**

**Mr. Rohde and Mr. Welter accepted as a friendly amendment.**

**Dr. Thomas** asked legal staff if this action is appropriate as an internal Board operating procedure and not a policy.

**Tim Andryk**, DNR Attorney stated he did not see any problem with this.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

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

\*\*\*The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.\*\*\*

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