

DECEMBER 14, 2009

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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

BRIEF OF ACTION

The regular meeting of the Natural Resources Board originally scheduled for Tuesday, December 8 was cancelled. The meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 was rescheduled due to inclement weather and was held via conference call on Monday, December 14, 2009 in Room G09, State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2), Madison, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. for action on items 1-7. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Organizational Matters

1.A. Calling the roll

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

1.B. Approval of agenda for December 14, 2009

Secretary Frank requested the agenda be amended by deferring to 2010 agenda item 3B7 – Land Acquisition & Project boundary Modification – Brunet Island State Park – Chippewa County

Ms. Wiley MOVED approval as amended, seconded by Mr. Rohde. The motion carried unanimously.

1.C. Approval of minutes from October 21, 2009

Mr. Ela MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Rohde. The motion carried unanimously.

1.D. Approval of minutes from November 13, 2009

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

2. Ratification of Acts of the Department Secretary

2.A. Real Estate Transactions

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

3. Action Items

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

3.A.1 Request Authorization for Public Hearing on Board Order WT-15-09, Watershed Management's Housekeeping Rule Revisions to chs. 102, 103, 105, 106, 108, 110, 114, 200, 203, 205, 210, 241, 299, 328, and 341

Mr. Ela MOVED approval, seconded by Dr. Clausen. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.B. Land Management, Recreation, and Fisheries/Wildlife
3.B.1 Request Adoption of Board Order FH-23-09, to revise Ch. NR 25 relating to the total allowable commercial harvest of whitefish in Lake Michigan

Mr. Rohde MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Ela. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.B.2 ~~Request Adoption of Board Order LF 08-09, to revise NR 52 relating to the Public Use of Lands Acquired under the Knowles Nelson Stewardship Program~~ **DELETED**

- 3.B.3 Land Acquisition – Statewide Natural Areas – Oneida & Vilas Counties

Mr. Ela MOVED approval, seconded by Dr. Clausen. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.B.4 Land Acquisition and Donation – Baraboo Hills Recreation Area – Sauk County

Discussion followed on if this item should also include approval for project boundary modification.

Mr. Ela MOVED approval, including project boundary modification, seconded by Ms. Wiley. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.B.5 Land Acquisition – White River Fishery Area – Waushara County

Dr. Clausen MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Rohde. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.B.6 Land Acquisition & Project Boundary Modification – Hartman Creek State Park – Portage County

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

- 3.B.7 ~~Land Acquisition & Project Boundary Modification – Brunet Island State Park – Chippewa County~~ DEFERRED TO 2010 PER AGENDA REPAIR

- 3.B.8 Land Acquisition – Wildcat Mountain State Park – Vernon County

Dr. Clausen MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Ela. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.B.9 Land Donation – Statewide Wildlife Habitat Area – Pierce County

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

- 3.B.10 Land Donation – Paul Olson Wildlife Area – Wood County

Dr. Clausen MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Ela. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.B.11 Land Donation – Statewide Natural Area – Door County

Discussion followed on if this item should also include approval for project boundary modification.

Mr. Ela MOVED approval, including project boundary modification, seconded by Mr. Rohde. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.B.12 Land Donation – C.D. Besadny Fish & Wildlife Area – Kewaunee County

Discussion followed on if this item should also include approval for project boundary modification.

Ms. Wiley MOVED approval, including project boundary modification, seconded by Dr. Clausen. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.B.13 Land Donation & Project Boundary Modification – Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area – Oconto County

Mr. Rohde MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Ela. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.B.14 Easement Donation – Statewide Natural Areas – Marquette County

Mr. Ela MOVED approval, seconded by Dr. Clausen. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Citizen Participation – 1:00 p.m.

- 4.A. Citizen Recognition

1. ~~Rebecca Wallace Award~~ **DELETED**

- 4.B. Citizen Participation

None

5. Board Members' Matters

- 5.A. ~~Approval of 2010 Meeting Locations~~ **DELETED**

Dr. Clausen reported that the CWD Plan Review Panel has finished its work. The report will be posted on the Department's website within the next few days. He will set up a meeting with the Board's CWD Subcommittee and the Department to review the report. He asked that as you read the report to not take the information out of context. There is a lot to consider here. The CWD Subcommittee will offer its recommendations to the Board in 2010.

Mr. Ela requested that at some times when the Board meets in Madison in 2010, there be a Tuesday afternoon presentation on the Green Tier Program and a Tuesday afternoon tour of the science services facility for those members who wish to arrive early and participate.

He then stated that something needs to be done on the Asian Carp/Chicago Sanitary and Shipping Canal concern. He urged that the Department take the strongest possible action to avert an ecological catastrophe.

Lastly, he questioned the use of state money by the WI Conservation Congress (WCC) to conduct public advocacy. Per Administrative Code, WCC's role is to advise the Department and Board. It is not to issue press releases or advocate before the legislature when the Board has not defined policy. He requested legal staff to sit down with the Department and the Congress and come up with guidelines as to what is and is not appropriate conduct. Legal counsel will report back to the Board with their recommendation.

Mr. Cole requested information on the Thursday, December 17, 2009 legislative deer hearing in Madison and what the Department's approach will be.

Dr. Thomas asked Board members if they wanted to receive a copy of each invasive species grant application and correspondence received by the Board. She also asked Secretary Frank for information on this process.

6. Special Committees' Reports

None

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- 7. Department Secretary's Matters
- 7.A. Retirement Resolutions
- 7.A.1 Steven J. Thomas
- 7.A.2 Gregory J. Pittz
- 7.A.3 Ronald W. Becker
- 7.A.4 Linda L. Netzer

Dr. Clausen MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Rohde of the retirement resolutions. The motion carried unanimously.

- 7.B. Donations
- 7.B.1 The Friends of Kohler-Andrae State Park, Inc. will donate a Kubota Utility Vehicle at a value of \$13,000 to Kohler-Andrae State Park

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

- 7.B.2 Whitetails Unlimited Inc. will donate \$5,615.17 to Upper Chippewa Area Wildlife Management for habitat work

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

- 8. Information Items
- 8.A. Air, Waste, and Water/Enforcement
- 8.A.1 ~~Update on Ballast Water Permitting~~ - DELETED
- 8.B. Land Management, Recreation, and Fisheries/Wildlife
None

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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