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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

BRIEF OF ACTION

The regular meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 in Room G09, State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2), Madison, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. for action on items 1-7. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Organizational Matters
- 1.A. 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.B. Approval of agenda for February 24, 2010

Dr. Clausen MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Rohde. The motion carried unanimously.
- 1.C. Approval of minutes from January 26-27, 2010

Ms. Wiley MOVED approval, seconded by Dr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Ratification of Acts of the Department Secretary
- 2.A. Real Estate Transactions

Mr. Ela requested that in the future, staff include page numbers on each page.

Dr. Clausen MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Rohde. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Action Items
- 3.A. Air, Waste, and Water/Enforcement
- 3.A.1 Request Adoption of Emergency Board Order WA-31-09(E) and authorization for public hearing of Board Order WA-30-09, revisions to NR 660, hazardous waste management rules

Dr. Clausen MOVED approval, seconded by Ms. Wiley. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.A.2 ~~Request Adoption of Board Order WT 15-09, Watershed Management Housekeeping Rule Revisions to chs. 102, 103, 105, 106, 108, 110, 114, 200, 203, 205, 210, 214, 299, 328, 341, and 812~~ DELETED AND MOVED TO MARCH 16, 2010 AGENDA
- 3.A.3 Request Adoption of Board Order AM-12-09, proposed rules affecting revisions to chs. NR 404 and 438, Wis. Adm. Code, pertaining to air quality standards for ozone and lead

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

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- 3.A.4 Request Authorization for Public Hearing on Board Order WT-21-09, revisions to ch. NR 335 – Dam Maintenance, Repair, Modification, Abandonment and Removal Aid Program and ch. NR 336 - Small and Abandoned Dam Removal Grant Program

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

- 3.B. Land Management, Recreation, and Fisheries/Wildlife
3.B.1 Request Adoption of Board Order WM-03-09, the 2009 Wildlife Management Housekeeping Rule Package modifications related to the bobcat season

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

- 3.B.2 Request Adoption of Board Order WM-21-07, revisions to NR 10, 12 & 16 related to regulating captive wild or feral swine, mute swans, and wolf-dog hybrids under the Captive Wildlife Law.

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

- 3.B.3 Request Authorization for Public Hearing of Board Order FR-04-10, revisions to NR 46, related to stumpage rates and administration of the MFL program

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

- 3.B.4 Request Approval of the Master Plan for the Lower Chippewa River Properties (LCRP)

Mr. Ela requested staff to address noise level issues and testing methods on airboats statewide.

Discussion followed on modifying the Master Plan to include the Xcel Energy Property within the focus area boundary and as a high priority for acquisition.

Mr. Welter MOVED approval to include the Xcel Energy Property in Dunn County within the focus area boundary map and refer to it in the text as a parcel with a high priority for acquisition from the Department's viewpoint, seconded by Dr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.B.5 Request Approval of a 5 year list (2010-2014) of projects for master planning and an update on the status of master planning

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

- 3.B.6 Land acquisition, Big Bay State Park, Ashland County

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

- 3.B.7 Land Donation, Ice Age Trail, Washington County

Discussion followed on if this item should include how the Department will best manage the lands outside of the southeast trail corridor.

Dr. Thomas MOVED approval of the donation and requested a staff recommendation for how to designate the property outside of the Ice Age Trail Corridor for management purposes, seconded by Mr. Welter. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.B.8 Land Donation, Buckskin Lake Public Access, Oneida County

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

3.B.9 Land Donation, Statewide Wildlife Habitat Areas, Dunn County

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

4. Citizen Participation – None

5. Board Members' Matters

Dr. Clausen requested administration look into supplying a digital recorder to record Board meetings to facilitate posting on the website for improved public access.

Dr. Thomas requested the status of the Stewardship rule (Board Order LF-08-09, revisions to NR52) which was approved at their January meeting.

Dr. Thomas asked if the Department has been in touch with Senator Decker regarding clarification of his request for the Department to use a portion of the extra Pittman-Robertson funds for a deer population study.

Mr. Welter stated the Board received a letter from numerous legislators to rename the Amery/Dresser Trail to the Harvey and Marilyn Stower Memorial Trail. He requested staff look into the process of doing this, obtain local input, and to bring it back to the Board.

Mr. Welter requested that staff bring to the Board at a future meeting an information item on airboats.

Mr. Welter and **Mr. Ela** commended West Central region staff for the tour they received on the Lower Chippewa River Properties. They encouraged other Board members to tour this property too.

Mr. Rohde stated the Board's response to the Decker letter regarding the use of the extra Pittman-Robertson funds for deer population study was well done and appropriate. He then asked what the Board's process was in responding to letters and that of the letter of the Mukwonago Golf Course.

Mr. Ela reviewed the letter response process that had been used by Dr. Thomas and staff, and that he is proposing to continue.

Mr. Cole requested the Board receive an information item during the April meeting on the status on Waukesha's submittal of an Interbasin Diversion Application.

Mr. Welter requested the Department include in the Interbasin Diversion information item what is coming down the road in rule making implementing the Great Lakes Compact, how it relates to Wisconsin, and what the Department sees as rulemaking.

A. Committee Assignments

Mr. Ela requested staff draft revisions to the Board Organization and Procedures Manual Codes for the possibility of replacing the operating committees with issue coordinators. He also requested housekeeping revisions and asked Board members to review the manual code for possible changes.

6. Special Committees' Reports
None

7. Department Secretary's Matters

7.A. Retirement Resolutions

7.A.1 Robert E. Strous Jr.

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- 7.A.2 Ray Amiel
- 7.A.3 Patrick M. Rominski
- 7.A.4 Ronald P. Olson
- 7.A.5 Robert J. White

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

- 7.B. Donations
- 7.B.1 The Friends of Horicon Marsh International Education Center will donate \$12,000 to support an LTE educator position at Horicon Marsh International Education Center

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

- 8. Information Items
- 8.A. Air, Waste, and Water/Enforcement
None

- 8.B. Land Management, Recreation, and Fisheries/Wildlife
- 8.B.1 Investing in Wisconsin's Whitetails

INFORMATION ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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