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## NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

### MINUTES

A special meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 in the Aspen conference room at The Lodge at Geneva Ridge, Lake Geneva. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. for an informational briefing on phosphorus (**PowerPoint**). No action was taken. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 in the Aspen conference room at The Lodge at Geneva Ridge, Lake Geneva. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. for action on items 1-7. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.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 – present	Christine Thomas – present
Jane Wiley – present	

1.B. Approval of agenda for May 25-26, 2010

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

**Mr. Ela** thanked southeast region staff for their hospitality in hosting the Board and for the interesting and informative tour on Tuesday.

2. Ratification of Acts of the Department Secretary

2.A. Real Estate Transactions

**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 Board Order WT-21-09, rule revisions to ch. NR 335 and ch. NR 336, Dam Safety Grant Programs

**Meg Galloway**, Dams and Floodplain Section Chief stated that the objectives of this proposed rule are to incorporate statutory changes into the existing grant rules and to facilitate investing \$4 million allocation of bonding for the program. These proposed changes will provide for an improved process whereby Wisconsin dam owners can address dam safety deficiencies at municipally owned dams and allow the owner of any dam to obtain funding to remove the dam as a means to mitigate safety deficiencies. She requested the Board adopt Board Order WT-21-009.

**Mr. Welter MOVED approval, seconded by Dr. Thomas.**

Discussion followed on funding options for dam owners, mandatory inspection of large dams, and whether this program is funded through the Department's budget.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

- 3.A.2 Request Adoption of Board Order AM-27-09, proposed rules affecting NR 400 pertaining to the definition of volatile organic compound  
**Larry Bruss**, Regional Pollutant and Mobile Source Section Chief stated the proposed rule adds dimethyl carbonate and propylene carbonate to the list of those compounds excluded from the VOC definition in NR 400.02(162)(a) and is consistent with the federal definition. It also creates an incentive for certain entities to use these compounds in place of other more highly reactive organic compounds thereby potentially reducing ground-level ozone concentrations. He requested the Board adopt Board Order AM-27-09.

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

- 3.A.3 ~~Request authorization for public hearing for Board Order AM 34-05, proposed rules affecting NR 411 pertaining to the indirect source permit rule (Larry Bruss, Regional Pollutant and Mobile Source Section Chief, 10 minutes) (DELETED AND MOVED TO JUNE AGENDA)~~
- 3.A.4 ~~Request authorization for public hearings for Board Order AM 17-10, proposed rules affecting NR 400, 405, 406, and 407 pertaining to major source permit thresholds for sources of greenhouse gas emissions (Andrew Stewart, Permits & Stationary Source Modeling Section Chief, 15 minutes) (DELETED)~~

**Mr. Ela** requested staff present items 3.A.5, 3.A.6, and 3.A.7 and then receive Board questions and discussion. The Board would vote on each item individually.

- 3.A.5 Request authorization for public hearing for Board Order DG-23-10, creation of Chapter NR 850 and revisions to Chapter NR 142 relating to water use fees  
**Kristy Rogers**, Water Supply Specialist stated that these are three rules out of seven that the Department is directed to promulgate as a result of 2009 Wisconsin Act 28 and 2007 Wisconsin Act 227. This proposed rule clarifies that the annual \$125 base fee will cover all water supply systems on one property or a single public water supply, and the rule implements an additional Great Lakes basin-specific fee on persons who withdraw more than 50 million gallons of water per year (MGY). The fee for persons withdrawing more than 50 MGY in the Great Lakes basin is structured in tiers, with the first tier imposing a fee of \$1.50 per million gallons withdrawn between 50 MGY and 100 MGY. The second tier imposes a fee of \$2.00 per million gallons withdrawn between 100 and 150 MGY. The fee per million gallons increases by \$0.50 for each 50 million gallon tier up to the point where each million gallons pumped over 500 million gallons is charged a fee of \$6.00. The additional fee for withdrawals exceeding 50 MGY from the Great Lakes basin is capped at \$9,500 for all water supply systems on any contiguous property or for a public water supply system. She requested the Board authorize public hearings for Board Order DG-23-10. (**Handout**)
- 3.A.6 Request authorization for public hearing for Board Order DG-24-10, creation of Chapter NR 852 related to water conservation and water use efficiency for water users  
**Kristy Rogers**, Water Supply Specialist, stated that this proposed rule would implement water conservation and efficiency measures (CEMs) for water withdrawals within the Great Lakes Basin, for diversions, and for withdrawals statewide that require a water loss approval. Persons subject to the rule are categorized into one of three levels, Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3. The tiered categories differentiate between requirements for different types and levels of regulated activities. The rule sets forth procedures to implement the additional CEMs for persons in Tier 2 and Tier 3 and establishes requirements to conduct an analysis to determine if the CEMs are environmentally sound and economically feasible. The rule also sets forth requirements and procedures to submit a Water Conservation Plan to the Department and establishes a process for approval and reporting, and a process for enforcement. She requested the Board authorize public hearings for Board Order DG-24-10. (**Handout**)

- 3.A.7 Request authorization for public hearing for Board Order DG-25-10, creation of NR 856 and revisions to NR 142 relating to water use registration and reporting  
**Kristy Rogers**, Water Supply Specialist stated that this proposed rule implements new statutory requirements for persons who have the capacity to withdraw water from waters of the state in amounts averaging 100,000 gallons per day or more in any 30-day period. The statute requires regulated persons to register their withdrawal, measure the volumes of the withdrawal, and report annually to the Department if they withdraw an average of 100,000 gallons per day or more in any 30 day period.

The rule sets forth definitions, procedures and information requirements for registrations, procedures for amending and terminating registrations, methods for measuring withdrawals, and procedures for annual reporting. She requested the Board authorize public hearings for Board Order DG-25-10. (**Handout**)

Discussion on 3.A.5, 3.A.6, and 3.A.7 followed on the differences between each tier, Department plans for disseminating this information, the number of organizations the Department is estimating will register for withdrawing water in any 30-day period averaging 100,000 gallons or more per day, who these users would be, examples of users for each tier, what the remaining four rules are, Department workload issues, and budget concerns for proposed rules.

**Bruce Baker**, Acting Water Administrator stated that the Department is building on existing programs and has reassigned other staff to this effort. Currently there are six positions which will grow to eight. At this time, they do not know what the workload will be but believe that this is appropriate for getting this program going.

Discussion continued on hiring a go-to person for the Department in southeast region, overview on the City of Waukesha's Water Diversion application and whether these rules are tied into the permit process, whether the statewide requirement for 100,000 gallons per day was a federal requirement, whether the application from the City of Waukesha is a result of the Great Lakes Compact, and background information on the creation of the Great Lakes Compact.

**Dr. Clausen MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Cole on item 3.A.5 - Request authorization for public hearing for Board Order DG-23-10, creation of Chapter NR 850 and revisions to Chapter NR 142 relating to water use fees. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Rohde MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Welter on item 3.A.6 – Request authorization for public hearing for Board Order DG-24-10, creation of Chapter NR 852 related to water conservation and water use efficiency for water users. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Welter MOVED approval, seconded by Ms. Wiley on item 3.A.7 - Request authorization for public hearing for Board Order DG-25-10, creation of NR 856 and revisions to NR 142 relating to water use registration and reporting. The motion carried unanimously.**

- 3.B. Land Management, Recreation, and Fisheries/Wildlife  
3.B.1 Request Adoption of Board Order IS-07-10 relating to invasive species housekeeping rule revisions

No staff presentation was given.

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

**Mr. Ela** requested that staff present the following two items, receive Board questions and discussion but to not vote on agenda items 3.B.2 and 3.B.3 until after item 3.B.4 – Congress Matters. The Board would vote on each item individually.

3.B.2 Request adoption of Board Order WM-01-10, the 2010 Wildlife Management Spring Hearing rules package

**Scott Loomans**, Wildlife Management Staff Specialist stated that the Department is recommending modifications to chapters NR 10, 11, 12, and 19, Wis. Adm. Code relating to hunting, trapping, closed areas, and game refuges. Individual sections of this rule proposal are included in the proposed rule package and were the subject of voting on the 2010 Spring Hearing Questionnaire. He requested the Board adopt Board Order WM-01-10. (**PowerPoint**)

Discussion followed on the non-resident use of cross-bows for people over age 65 and whether the “pumpkin case” could be potentially resolvable by definition in rule.

3.B.3 Request adoption of Board Order FH-03-10, fishing regulation changes proposed and supported at the 2010 Spring Fish and Wildlife Rules Hearings

**Mike Staggs**, Fisheries and Habitat Bureau Director spoke in place of Joseph Hennessy, Fisheries Specialist. He stated that the proposed rule package includes four changes of statewide significance, a broad approach to address walleye population concerns on 20 selected waters, and changes of local or regional interest which are included in the proposed rule package and were the subject of voting on the 2010 Spring Hearing Questionnaire. He requested the Board adopt Board Order FH-03-10. (**PowerPoint** and **Handout** – June 2010 WI Natural Resources Magazine)

Discussion followed on walleye recruitment restoration in select northwest WI lakes (see page 4 of handout), and recent concerns related to the minimum size restriction for northern pike on Big Muskego Lake including Bass Bay in Waukesha County and whether this approach has been used in southeast WI.

3.B.4 Congress Matters

**Ed Harvey**, Wisconsin Conservation Congress Chair gave an overview of items on which they did not concur with the Department a few weeks ago, but which were tweaked by the Department since the convention. WCC now supports all proposed fisheries and wildlife management rules. He stated they would like to see the Department be allowed to take a proposal out for hearing that was part of the pulled 2010 deer package to allow bow hunting during the 9 day gun deer season. He then reviewed awards that were presented during their annual meeting that recognized Department employees and others for their outstanding service. He noted that elections took place on May 7 for Executive Council and Executive Committee. He closed thanking Chair Ela for his presentation at their conference and to Ms. Wiley for attending. he said their involvement and attendance is a testament to their commitment to the role of the Congress as an advisory body to the Natural Resources Board.

Discussion followed on the reason for one (1) county not voting on certain questions at the spring hearings and if it was the same county throughout the listing, and what prompted the advancement of the scopes on muzzleloader question.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

**Dr. Thomas** commented that the WCC/NRB informal meeting last night was the nicest one to date due to the location and seating arrangements.

**Dr. Clausen MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Rohde on agenda item 3.B.2 - Request adoption of Board Order WM-01-10, the 2010 Wildlife Management Spring Hearing rules package. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Welter MOVED approval, seconded by Ms. Wiley on agenda item 3.B.3 - Request adoption of Board Order FH-03-10, fishing regulation changes proposed and supported at the 2010 Spring Fish and Wildlife Rules Hearings.**

Discussion continued on the concerns received by the Board on the Big Muskego Lake question.

**Mr. Welter MOVED, seconded by Mr. Rohde to amend the rule to include a 5 year sunset on the Department proposal to increase the minimum size restriction for northern pike on Big Muskego Lake including Bass Bay (Waukesha County) from 26 inches to 40 inches and reduce the daily bag limit from 2 to 1 fish.**

Discussion followed as to the minimum time period needed by the Department for an evaluation on the impact this proposed rule would have on the structure and density of fish, how often staff do surveys, how this rule would impact carp populations, and whether there is a need for a sunset clause.

**Mr. Welter and Mr. Rohde agreed to modify their amendment to provide that the Department proposal to increase the minimum size restriction for northern pike on Big Muskego Lake including Bass Bay (Waukesha County) from 26 inches to 40 inches, and to reduce the daily bag limit from 2 to 1 fish, would sunset in the year 2018**

**The motion to amend carried in a 6-1 voice vote.**

**The motion as amended carried unanimously.**

3.B.5 Request authorization for public hearing for Board order ER-10-10, revisions to NR 29 relating to Endangered Resources information fees

**Erin Crain**, Endangered Resources Acting Bureau Director stated that the Endangered Resources (ER) Review Program provides Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) information and data to customers and DNR staff, and training to help interpret and apply that information. NHI data on rare species and high-quality natural communities in Wisconsin are provided to the public in 3 ways: ER Reviews, formal NHI Data Licenses, and generalized online printouts. The Program initiated a stakeholder review in 2008, which identified customer priorities and recommendations.

Many recommendations have been or will soon be implemented, including establishment of an advisory committee to the Program. Others required changes to NR 29. Proposed changes to NR 29 are: establishment of an expedited ER Review service, requirements for training and exams prior to accessing the NHI database, creation of a certification program, and updated fees. Expected benefits of the proposed changes to NR 29 include self-sustaining funding to provide the expanded services requested by stakeholders and improved conservation outcomes. She requested the Board authorize public hearings on Board Order ER-10-10. **(PowerPoint)**

Discussion followed on whether the fee would cover staff time, expedited reviews, who the Department would subcontract work out to, certification requirements for subcontractors, whether Department staff reviews the final review, and whether there is a current backlog of reviews.

**Mr. Ela** requested staff bring back to the Board an information item for a broader description of how this program operates before returning with this rule for final adoption.

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

3.B.6 Request authorization of public hearings for Board Orders WM-21-10 and WM-22-10(E), revisions to NR 10 establishing the 2010 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons and Regulations

**Kent Van Horn**, Migratory Bird Specialist gave an overview of the significant regulations in the proposed 2010 season lengths and bag limits which are defined in the rule package. The 2010 season framework is not significantly different than the migratory game bird seasons in previous years. He requested the Board authorize public hearings for Board Orders WM-21-10 and emergency Board order WM-22-10(E).

Discussion followed on whether the escalated timeframe was discussed with the Congress Waterfowl Committee and whether Wisconsin is getting support from other states in the flyway on the issue of being allowed to adopt a more flexible season structure.

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

3.B.7 Request approval to rename the Amery-Dresser State Trail to the “Stower Seven Lakes State Trail”

**Daniel Schuller**, Parks and Recreation Bureau Director stated the suggested name change has been endorsed by the City of Amery and by Polk County. Harvey and Marilyn Stower were local residents widely recognized to have made significant contributions to the area. Harvey Stower served in the Wisconsin Legislature and as Mayor of Amery for many years. He requested the Board approve the renaming of the Amery-Dresser State Trail to the “Stower Seven Lakes State Trail.”

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

**Mr. Cole** requested items 3.B.8 – 3.B.14 be taken in aggregate.

3.B.8 Land Acquisition and Project Boundary Modification – Vernon Wildlife Area – Waukesha County

Discussion followed on the background of this parcel, the impact of the City of Waukesha’s Water Diversion application to the Vernon Marsh if and when the City constructs its wells, and how the Department will approach these wells in the permitting process.

**Pat Henderson**, Deputy Secretary stated that the Great Lakes Compact states they could not have an optional supply of water. It could be assumed these shallow wells could be part of the process. It could also be determined that these wells cannot be permitted. The Department would need to evaluate this. It may not be an either/or situation. It could be both.

3.B.9 Land Acquisition – Pine Island Wildlife Area – Sauk County

3.B.10 Land Acquisition – Scattered Forest Lands – Marathon County

Discussion continued on the background of the Scattered Forest Lands program.

3.B.11 Land Acquisition – Statewide Natural Areas – Waushara County

Discussion continued on an error on the map. It should state project boundary and not an easement.

3.B.12 Land Acquisition and Project Boundary Modification – Lower Wisconsin State Riverway – Iowa County

3.B.13 Land Acquisition and Donation – White River Fishery Area – Bayfield County

3.B.14 Land Donation and Boundary Modification – Chiwaukee Prairie-Carol Beach Natural Area – Kenosha County

**Mr. Cole MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Welter on 3.B.8 - Land Acquisition and Project Boundary Modification – Vernon Wildlife Area – Waukesha County; 3.B.9 - Land Acquisition – Pine Island Wildlife Area – Sauk County; 3.B.10 - Land Acquisition – Scattered Forest Lands – Marathon County; 3.B.11 - Land Acquisition – Statewide Natural Areas – Waushara County; 3.B.12 - Land Acquisition and Project Boundary Modification – Lower Wisconsin State Riverway – Iowa County; 3.B.13 - Land Acquisition and Donation – White River Fishery Area – Bayfield County; and 3.B.14 - Land Donation and Boundary Modification – Chiwaukee Prairie-Carol Beach Natural Area – Kenosha County. The motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion followed on the Stewardship program and borrowing ahead.

**Mr. Rohde** requested a one page summary on Stewardship land purchases, to include purchases made on funds borrowed ahead.

Discussion continued on Stewardship program policy and oversight.

**Mr. Welter** requested a briefing this fall on the oversight of the Stewardship program from a policy perspective. Lands Administrator Laurie Osterndorf suggested that this be accomplished through the periodic update on the Lands Legacy Report implementation that the staff is currently preparing, and which will be available later this year. Consensus was reached that this would be a suitable approach.

3.B.15 Updated request for adoption of Board Order LF-08-09, creating ch. NR 52 regarding public use of lands acquired under the Knowles Nelson Stewardship Program

**Pat Henderson**, Deputy Director noted that this came back from the legislature with specific requests. If this goes back to the legislature, they have 10 days to review it and will have the same options as before. The Natural Resources Board Stewardship Sub-committee, Stewardship Advisory Committee, Legislators, and the Natural Resources Board took public comment on this rule. The rule now reflects the work done by the Department and its partners.

**Mr. Cole MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Welter.**

**Mr. Rohde** asked staff for a summary of the rule.

**Doug Haag**, Real Estate Section Chief, briefed the Board on the public noticing and comment process along with Board determination.

Discussion continued regarding the chapter 227 review in terms of Board interaction and the process that allows individuals to go to an administrative law judge or circuit court.

**Mr. Henderson** stated that people have a right to a public hearing on Department decisions, though not necessarily in front of an administrative law judge. This proposed rule provides that opportunity through the Natural Resources Board. Nothing in this rule would stop anyone from going to a circuit court if they still disagree with the decision of the Natural Resources Board. Discussion followed on legislative direction.

**Tim Andryk**, DNR attorney, stated there is case law that says if a rule provides for public testimony in front of a board, then a person does not have the right to a contested case hearing under chapter 227. They can still appeal the decision through circuit court.

Discussion followed on clarification on the third to the last sentence in 52.04 (2)(e) (bottom of page 7 in the Board Order) related to ratifying prohibitions on the monthly report, what options do people have to protest or appeal if they think there should have been restrictions, why one group is treated differently than the other, the public trust doctrine, and how the Board could operationalize the litany of requests that may come before the Board.

**Dr. Thomas MOVED, seconded by Mr. Welter to amend the rule to strike the last two sentences of 52.04 (2) (e) towards the bottom of page 7 in the rule package as follows: ~~“If the timeframe for natural resources board ratification will jeopardize a purchase closing the department may issue the stewardship program grant and the transaction may close. The natural resources board will vote whether to ratify the determination at its next scheduled meeting.”~~**

Discussion followed on the possible need for a quorum of the Board to convene between meetings, clarification of the proposed amendment, and potential concerns for sellers.

**The motion to amend carried in a 6-1 voice vote.**

Discussion continued on the number of groups that the Department collaborated with on this rule and how broad the discussions were with the legislature.

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

4. Citizen Participation – 1:00 p.m.

4.A. Citizen Participation

None

5. Board Members' Matters

**Dr. Clausen** requested an information item at the September 2010 meeting to address the concern of unauthorized dams and obstructions on lakes in Northern region.

**Mr. Welter** and **Dr. Thomas** volunteered to assist the WI Conservation Congress in their discussions on process and procedures, and Mr. Ela appointed them to do so formally representing the Natural Resources Board.

**Mr. Rohde**, in response to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and the Department's recent public education initiative on orphaned and injured wild animals, requested a list of organizations from the past year that the Department has partnered with.

**Mr. Cole** asked who he should work with at the Department on the Youth Conservation Congress initiative since the WCC Liaison vacancy has not been filled.

6. Special Committees' Reports

None

7. Department Secretary's Matters

**Secretary Frank**

**Mr. Henderson** stated that Secretary Frank is in Indonesia with Governor Doyle for green house gas reduction and anti-forest degradation efforts.

7.A. Retirement Resolutions

7.A.1 Randy Williams

7.A.2 Robert J. Pfister

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

7.B. Donations

7.B.1 The Bong Naturalist Association will generously donate \$40,000 of a \$60,000 project at Richard Bong State Recreation Area

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

7.B.2 The Devil's Lake Concession Corporation will donate \$15,000 to be used for Limited Term Employee Salaries

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

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7.B.3 The Friends of Lapham Peak will donate \$12,384.95 for snowmaking and ski trail maintenance

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

7.B.4 The Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin will donate \$10,000 in support of the Citizen-Based Monitoring Program

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

7.B.5 The Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin will donate \$10,000 in support of Trumpeter Swan monitoring

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

7.B.6 The Friend's of Devil's Lake State Park will donate \$8,000 to be used for naturalist salaries

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

7.B.7 The Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin, Inc. will donate \$7,150 to purchase a John Deer [Deere] Gator for use at the new Coolwater Facility at Wild Rose Hatchery

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

7.B.8 The Jackson County Wildlife fund will donate \$5,500 to restore the Lowe Creek ponds

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

7.B.9 The Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin will donate \$5,000 in support of Trumpeter Swan Monitoring

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

**Mr. Henderson** then updated the Board on the end of the legislative session and some bills recently signed and one that was vetoed by the Governor. Those signed included SB 401 (Holperin) - This bill creates a new 1-day fishing license for resident and nonresident anglers; SB 557 (Kreitlow) - This bill includes a number of provisions all aimed at letting prospective buyers of land know that there may be wetlands on the property; SB 664 (Miller) - This bill allows the State of Wisconsin to capture an additional \$15 million in Safe Drinking Water funds. The language in the bill was needed to get federal funds and allows some communities to have part of their principal payment forgiven. The vetoed bill was AB 371 (Hraychuck) - This bill would have changed a number of bear hunting regulations like dog training periods, ages of class B permit holders, and when a Class B permit holder can shoot a bear.

8. Information Items

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

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

8.B.1 Statewide Forest Assessment and Strategy

**Paul DeLong**, Forestry Administrator and **Rebecca Gass**, Program and Planning Analyst, gave a joint presentation. They gave an overview on the Statewide Forest Assessment and Strategy, and the Division of Forestry's strategic direction. They then reviewed the elements of the strategy which includes 5 themes (Fragmentation & Parcelization, Forest Composition & Structure, Energy & Climate Change, Forests as Economic Contributors, and Protection of Life & Property in Forested Areas); goals for each theme; ideas to address the issues/trends/opportunities in each theme; and possible activities to enact the strategies. They then reviewed public

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comment and what their next steps in the process are. (**PowerPoint and Handout** – WI Statewide Forest Strategy 2010 (DRAFT, v.1))

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

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

\*\*\*The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.\*\*\*

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