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## NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

### BRIEF OF ACTION

The regular meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 in Room G09, State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2), Madison, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. for action on items 1-7. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Organizational Matters

1.A. Calling the roll

William Bruins – present	Preston Cole – present
Christine Thomas – present	Jane Wiley – present
Terry Hilgenberg – present	David Clausen – present
Greg Kazmierski – arrived late	

1.B. Approval of agenda for May 25, 2011

**Ms. Wiley MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Cole. The motion carried on a voice vote of 6 - 0.**

1.C. Approval of minutes from April 27, 2011

**Ms. Wiley MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Cole. The motion carried on a voice vote of 6 - 0.**

2. Ratification of Acts of the Department Secretary

2.A. Real Estate Transactions

**Ms. Wiley MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Cole. The motion carried on a voice vote of 6 - 0.**

3. Action Items

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

None

**Mr. Kazmierski** arrived at the meeting.

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

3.B.1 Amended request for adoption of Board Order FH-03-11, fishing regulation changes proposed and supported at the 2011 Spring Fish and Wildlife Rules Hearings

**Ms. Wiley MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski.**

**Ms. Wiley** called the question.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

3.B.2 Request adoption of Board Order WM-01-11, 2011 Wildlife Management Spring Hearing Rules Packages  
**Scott Loomans**, Wildlife Regulations Specialist, requested the Board amend the effective date of section four, related to extending the archery deer hunting season to include and run concurrent with the traditional November nine day gun deer season, so that it can be in effect in 2011 instead of 2012.

**Ms. Wiley MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Cole.**

**Ms. Wiley MOVED, seconded by Dr. Thomas to amend the rule package by removing Question 34 - extending each of the spring turkey hunting periods by two days (2012).**

**The motion to remove question 34 failed on a roll call vote of 1 – 6.**

<b>William Bruins – No</b>	<b>Preston Cole – No</b>
<b>Christine Thomas – No</b>	<b>Jane Wiley – Yes</b>
<b>Terry Hilgenberg – No</b>	<b>David Clausen – No</b>
<b>Greg Kazmierski – No</b>	

**Dr. Thomas MOVED, seconded by Dr. Clausen to amend Question 34 to sunset in two (2) years (2013).**

**The motion to add a two year sunset provision to question 34 failed on a roll call vote of 3 – 4.**

<b>William Bruins – No</b>	<b>Preston Cole – No</b>
<b>Christine Thomas – Yes</b>	<b>Jane Wiley – Yes</b>
<b>Terry Hilgenberg – No</b>	<b>David Clausen – Yes</b>
<b>Greg Kazmierski – No</b>	

**Dr. Thomas MOVED, seconded by Dr. Clausen to amend Question 34 to end the weekly hunting period at noon on Tuesday.**

**The motion to amend question 34 to end the weekly hunting period at noon on Tuesday failed on a roll call vote of 3 – 4.**

<b>William Bruins – No</b>	<b>Preston Cole – No</b>
<b>Christine Thomas – Yes</b>	<b>Jane Wiley – Yes</b>
<b>Terry Hilgenberg – No</b>	<b>David Clausen – Yes</b>
<b>Greg Kazmierski – No</b>	

**The original motion carried on a voice vote of 6-1.**

**Chair Clausen** noted that the original motion as approved did not include a vote on the Department requested amendment to extend the archery deer hunting season.

**Mr. Kazmierski MOVED, seconded by Mr. Cole to amend the effective date of section four, related to extending the archery deer hunting season to include and run concurrent with the traditional November nine day gun deer season, so that it can be in effect in 2011 instead of 2012.**

3.B.3 Congress Matters: Spring Hearing Results

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

**Chair Clausen** asked the Congress to become more involved in environmental issues. He suggested the Congress Environmental Committee review issues related to groundwater (referred to George Kraft April Board presentation) and wetland protection and to come back to the Board with their position and recommendation.

3.B.4 Request authorization for public hearings for Board Orders WM-11-11 and WM-12-11(E), the 2011 Migratory Game Bird Seasons

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

- 3.B.5 Request authorization for public hearings on Board Order FH-14-11, revisions to ch. NR 25 related to commercial fishing gill nets

**Mr. Cole MOVED to deny authorization for public hearings, seconded by Mr. Bruins. The motion carried unanimously.**

- 3.B.6 Request approval of Wisconsin's sharp-tailed grouse management plan and conservation strategy  
**DELETED**

- 3.B.7 Land Acquisition and Sale - Statewide Fishery Habitat Area - Lincoln County

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

- 3.B.8 Land Acquisition - Flambeau River State Forest - Sawyer County

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

- 3.B.9 Land Transfer and Project Boundary Modification - Kickapoo Wildlife Area - Crawford County

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

- 3.B.10 Land Donation - Scattered Wildlife Habitat Program - La Crosse County

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

- 3.B.11 Land Donation - Swan Lake Wildlife Area - Columbia County

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

**Chair Clausen** moved the meeting to Item 5 – Board Members Matters.

5. Board Members' Matters

A. Election of Vice-Chair

**Chair Clausen** opened nominations for Vice-Chair.

**Dr. Thomas MOVED, seconded by Ms. Wiley to nominate Preston Cole for Vice-Chair of the Natural Resources Board.**

**Dr. Thomas MOVED, seconded by Ms. Wiley that nominations for Vice-Chair be closed. The motion to elect Preston Cole as Board Vice-Chair carried unanimously.**

**Chair Clausen** appointed Jane Wiley as Issue Coordinator for Land Management, Recreation, Fisheries, and Wildlife. He requested her to work with staff on Stewardship Program legislation and bonding. He appointed Preston Cole as Issue Coordinator for Air, Waste, Water Management, and Enforcement.

**Mr. Bruins** stated Joint Finance's recent vote to scrap NR 151 is a concern to the agriculture community. The Board needs to be aware of this and to be engaged as the process unfolds.

**Dr. Clausen** asked Matt Moroney, Deputy Secretary, to bring Mr. Bruins up to speed on NR 151.

**Dr. Thomas** stated that the process for promulgating rules is changing. She requested a briefing from staff on what it means, process changes as it compares to current, and timing.

**Dr. Thomas** requested an update on phosphorus and an informational item from Science Services on the potential health affects of blue-green algae to humans and dogs, and issues related to its potential locations in WI. She noted that an eastern state issued a warning to dog owners that certain waters in the state were toxic to dogs. This issue could be linked to phosphorus.

**Dr. Clausen** added to Dr. Thomas's request to invite the Dept. of Health Services to speak during the informational item on blue-green algae.

**Mr. Hilgenberg** thanked staff for the orientation and the warm welcome.

**Mr. Kazmierski** thanked staff for the new Board Member briefings.

**Mr. Cole** expressed his excitement on the concept of the Department becoming a Charter organization and requested a briefing.

**Dr. Clausen** requested an update from legal regarding our obligations to consult with the Tribes, under the Voigt Ruling, regarding possible impacts on their hunting and fishing rights as we begin the permitting process for mining activities that may result from pending legislation after such legislation is enacted.

6. Special Committees' Reports  
None

7. Department Secretary's Matters

7.A. Retirement Resolutions

- 7.A.1 Daniel Adams
- 7.A.2 Andrew L. Anderson
- 7.A.3 Kenneth G. Anderson
- 7.A.4 James E. Baughman
- 7.A.5 Barb Boettcher
- 7.A.6 George Boronow
- 7.A.7 Steven S. Crary
- 7.A.8 Genny Fannucchi
- 7.A.9 Lance Green
- 7.A.10 Gary W. Greene
- 7.A.11 Steven L. Klock
- 7.A.12 Todd C. McCourt
- 7.A.13 Michael L. Miller
- 7.A.14 Charles A. Pape
- 7.A.15 Randy L. Schott
- 7.A.16 Steven R. Schuenemann
- 7.A.17 Kevin Shurilla
- 7.A.18 Kenneth Von Ruden
- 7.A.19 Michael J. Wallace

**Ms. Wiley MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Cole of the retirement resolutions. The motion carried unanimously.**

7.B. Donations

- 7.B.1 The AT&T Pioneers will donate 10 Eco-boxes and the labor to install them, valued at \$25,000.

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to provide innovative interpretive opportunities and programs

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

7.B.2 The Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin will donate \$20,000 to the Bureau of Fisheries Management for the propagation of muskellunge

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

7.B.3 The Johnson Family Foundation will donate \$17,000 to provide support for the Trumpeter Swan Program and the Piping Plover Program

**Dr. Thomas MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Hilgenberg. 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 Division of Forestry's Strategic Direction

**Mr. Hilgenberg** requested a white paper on the benefits of the Department's policy on selling timber from state lands.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

8.B.2 Potential duck hunting zone configurations **DELETED**

**Dr. Clausen** requested a motion to go into Executive Session under the authority of s.19.85(1)(e) Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of discussing potential real estate transactions under the authority of s.19.85(1)(g) Wisconsin Statutes and under the authority of s.19.85(1)(g) Wisconsin Statutes for purposes of discussing litigation matters.

**Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED, seconded by Mr. Cole that the Board convene into Executive Session under the authority of s.19.85(1)(e) Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of discussing potential real estate transactions under the authority of s.19.85(1)(g) Wisconsin Statutes for purposes of discussing litigation matters.**

**The motion was carried by a roll call vote.**

**William Bruins – yes**  
**Christine Thomas – yes**  
**Terry Hilgenberg – yes**  
**Greg Kazmierski – yes**

**Preston Cole – yes**  
**Jane Wiley – yes**  
**David Clausen – yes**

**Dr. Clausen** reconvened the meeting at 1:10 p.m. Chair Clausen reported that during the Executive Session no action was taken.

**Dr. Clausen** moved the meeting to item 4.A. – Citizen Participation.

4. Citizen Participation – 1:00 p.m.

4.A. Citizen Participation

**Dr. Clausen** moved the meeting to Information Item 8.B.3.

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8.B.3 Changing landscapes in hunting and conservation in Wisconsin

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

**Mr. Cole MOVED, seconded by Ms. Wiley to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

\*\*\*The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.\*\*\*

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