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3.B.1 MODIFIED on page 2, “(the Tuesday nearest May 3)” was removed from motion

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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

AMENDED BRIEF OF ACTION (rev. 1/2/13)

A special meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 in Room G09, State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2), Madison, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. for action on items 1 and 3. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 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 – present	

1.B. Approval of agenda for December 11-12, 2012

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

2. Information Items

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

None

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

2.B.1. Report and preliminary findings from the 2012 firearm deer season

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

3. Action Items

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

None

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

3.B.1. Request adoption of plan for management of hunting, fishing, and trapping in Wisconsin State Parks in accordance with 2011 Wisconsin Act 168

Mr. Bruins MOVED seconded by Mr. Kazmierski, to leave the hunting and trapping opportunities as they currently are and that the Board take Act 168 as a strong mandate to improve and expand hunting opportunities on the thousands of acres of land already in DNR ownership.

Mr. Kazmierski withdrew his second. He misunderstood Mr. Bruins' motion.

Ms. Wiley seconded Mr. Bruins' motion

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED that the department review all state parks for additional hunting opportunities for the 9 day gun season and bring back recommendations to the

Board on January 23, 2013 for consideration. Mr. Bruins accepted as a friendly amendment.

Ms. Wiley called the question

The motion failed on a roll call vote of 3 – 4.

William Bruins – yes Preston Cole – no

Christine Thomas – yes Jane Wiley – yes

Terry Hilgenberg – no David Clausen – no

Greg Kazmierski – no

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED, seconded by Mr. Bruins, to approve the Department's recommendations but to restrict the season dates to November 15 – December 15 and for the month of April.

Ms. Wiley MOVED to amend, seconded by Dr. Thomas, that the department immediately begin promulgating emergency rules establishing that no person may discharge a firearm, bow, crossbow, or air gun from, on, or across any trail corridor on lands in the Wisconsin State Parks which are identified on a map produced by the department as a designated use area. The motion carried on a voice vote of 6 – 1. Mr. Bruins opposed.

Ms. Wiley MOVED, seconded by Mr. Hilgenberg, to restrict the types of traps that may be used to ones that have been shown to be not capable of catching dogs (dog safe) or which are placed under water. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kazmierski MOVED to continue archery season to the end of the 1st weekend in January. Mr. Hilgenberg accepted as a friendly motion.

Mr. Cole MOVED that Buckhorn State Park will retain the preexisting archery-only deer hunting season framework in portions of the park where archery-only deer hunting occurred prior to 2011 Act 168. That season opens on the normal opening day of the early archery season, which is the Saturday nearest September 15 and ends at the end of the first weekend in January. This means in this portion of the park open to archery-only, that the use of firearms would be prohibited. Mr. Hilgenberg accepted as a friendly motion.

Mr. Cole MOVED to amend, seconded by Dr. Thomas, that Governor Nelson State Park will not be open to hunting or trapping. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED, seconded by Mr. Bruins, to approve the Department's plan with the following amendments: The approved period for both hunting and trapping was amended and split into a fall/winter period and a spring period. 1) The Fall hunting and trapping period for open portions of parks in the department's plan will run from November 15 – December 15 each year, except that hunting by legal archery methods (bows and crossbows) would remain open until the end of the archery deer season, ending on the Sunday nearest January 6. 2) The spring hunting and trapping period for open portions of parks in the department's plan will run from April 1st through the end of the 3rd spring turkey hunting time period ~~(the Tuesday nearest May 3)~~. **MODIFIED**

The motion as amended passed on a roll call vote of 7 - 0.

William Bruins – yes Preston Cole – yes

Christine Thomas – yes Jane Wiley – yes

Terry Hilgenberg – yes David Clausen – yes

Greg Kazmierski – yes

Ms. Wiley MOVED, seconded by Dr. Thomas to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 in Room G09, State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2), Madison, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. for action on items 1-7. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 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 – present	

Secretary Stepp requested that the Board amend the December 12 agenda to remove agenda item 3.B.21 – Land Exchange and Project Boundary Modification – Northern Highland/American Legion State Forest – Vilas County.

Ms. Wiley MOVED approval to remove item 3.B.21, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski. The motion carried unanimously.

1.B. Approval of minutes from October 24, 2012

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

2. Ratification of Acts of the Department Secretary

2.A. Real Estate Transactions

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

3. Action Items

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

3.A.1 Request adoption of Board Order WT-23-11, revisions to NR 110, NR 205, NR 208, and NR 210 relating to sanitary sewer overflows

Public Appearance:

Paul Kent, Madison, representing Municipal Environmental Group – Wastewater Division requested the Board to add a note to NR 210.12(2)(a) that provides as follows:

Note: A facility may be considered inoperable in cases such as, but not limited to, situations where there is a significant loss of treatment capacity in the secondary treatment unit or units as a result of wet weather or high flow conditions.

Mr. Cole MOVED approval and to add Municipal environmental Group – Wastewater Division’s note, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski. The motion carried unanimously.

3.A.2 Request authorization for public hearing for Board Order WT-28-10, proposed rule affecting NR 211, related to General Pretreatment Requirements, which regulates industrial wastewater discharges to publicly owned treatment plants (POTWs)

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

- 3.B. Land Management, Recreation, Fisheries, and Wildlife
- 3.B.1.a Bobcat, fisher, and otter population trends, harvest quotas, and harvest management within established quotas

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

- 3.B.1.b. Request adoption of Board Order WM-09-11 related to the bobcat hunting and trapping seasons

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

- 3.B.2 Request authorization for public hearings for Board Order ER-19-10, revisions to falconry rules, Admin. Code NR 18, to comply with federal regulations governing the sport of falconry

Dr. Thomas requested the Board receive information on upcoming Falconry events and to include falconry as a possible work-in to a Board out-state tour for summer 2013.

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

- 3.B.3 Request authorization for public hearings for Board Order WM-08-12, related to the wolf hunting and trapping season, regulations, a depredation program, training hunting dogs, and coyote hunting

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

Dr. Thomas commented that the Department should collect information as to why hunters made their decisions on harvest (market capture analysis).

- 3.B.4 Request authorization for public hearings for Board Order FH-19-12, regarding housekeeping corrections, clarifications, and updates to outdated code for fishing in inland, outlying, and boundary waters

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

- 3.B.5 Request adoption of revisions to Wisconsin's Elk Management Plan

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Cole.

Mr. Kazmierski MOVED to amend the plan to add in Predator Control. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

The original motion carried unanimously.

- 3.B.6 Request adoption of the Columbia County Planning Group Master Plan

Mr. Hilgenberg requested that the department track survey responses on all future master plans.

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

3.B.7 Land Acquisition and Project Boundary Modification – Tichigan Wildlife Area – Racine County

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

3.B.8 Land Acquisition – North Branch Milwaukee River Wildlife and Farm Heritage Area – Ozaukee County

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

3.B.9 Land Acquisition – French Creek Wildlife Area – Columbia County

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

3.B.10 Land Acquisition (Schiek)– Northern Highland/American Legion State Forest – Vilas County

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

3.B.11 Land Acquisition and Project Boundary Modification – Menominee River Park and Recreation area – Marinette County

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

3.B.12 Land Acquisition (BCPL) – Northern Highland/American Legion State Forest – Vilas County

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

3.B.13 Land Acquisition – Ice Age Trail – Marathon County

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

3.B.14 Land Exchange - Namekagon Barrens Wildlife Area, Crex Meadows, Amsterdam Sloughs, Keizer Lake and Danbury Wildlife Areas – Burnett County

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

3.B.15 Land Acquisitions and Donation – Lost Creek Bog Natural Area – Bayfield County

Mr. Cole MOVED approval and to acknowledge the donation, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.16 Land Donation – Lower Wolf River Bottoms Natural Resource Area – Waupaca County

Dr. Thomas MOVED approval and to acknowledge the donation, seconded by Mr. Cole. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.17 Land Donation – Quincy Bluff and Chiwaukee Prairie Natural Areas – Adams and Kenosha Counties

Mr. Kazmierski MOVED approval and to acknowledge the donation, seconded by Mr. Cole. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.18 Land Acquisition – Statewide Natural Areas – Adams County

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

3.B.19 Easement Purchase – Forest Legacy Program – Douglas County ADDED

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED approval and to acknowledge the donation, seconded by Dr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.20 Land Acquisition – Big Muskego Lake Wildlife Area – Waukesha County ADDED

Mr. Cole MOVED approval and to acknowledge the donation, seconded by Dr. Thomas. The motion passed on a voice vote of 5 – 2.

3.B.21 ~~Land Exchange and Project Boundary Modification – Northern Highland/American Legion State Forest – Vilas County~~ DELETED

3.B.22 Dedicating a Unit of the Willow Flowage Scenic Waters Area in Honor of Dick Steffes

Dr. Thomas MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Cole.

The motion passed on a roll call vote of 7 - 0.

**William Bruins – yes Preston Cole – yes
Christine Thomas – yes Jane Wiley – yes
Terry Hilgenberg – yes David Clausen – yes
Greg Kazmierski – yes**

3.C. Scope Statements

None

4. Citizen Participation – 1:00 p.m.

4.A. Citizen Recognition

4.A.1 Comeback Champs – Swamplovers Foundation, Inc.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

4.B. Citizen Participation

5. Board Members' Matters

Mr. Kazmierski thanked Board Liaison Laurie Ross for her diligent service and commitment to the Board, especially putting together these last couple of meetings.

Mr. Kazmierski distributed a Natural Resources Board guidance note to revise Wisconsin's elk management plan relating to the adoption of the elk management plan amendment to the Clam Lake and Black River elk management plans.

“The department will address elk management needs as it works with stakeholders to develop new wolf management and bear management plans. If future elk restoration or

herd growth is compromised due to high levels of predation by wolves and/or bears, harvest subzones and nuisance and landowner permits will be considered to increase the level of wolf and/or bear harvest and removal in occupied elk range. If wolf and/or bear subzones are recommended as an elk management strategy, the department will initiate rule promulgation to establish such zones and will develop recommended quotas intended to reduce wolf and/or bear populations in those subzones.”

Chair Clausen stated this is a valid Board Member request.

6. Special Committees’ Reports
None
7. Department Secretary’s Matters
 - 7.A. Retirement Resolutions
 - 7.A.1 Sandy Miller
 - 7.A.2 Laurel Steffes
 - 7.A.3 John E. Nelson
 - 7.A.4 Richard Steffes
 - 7.A.7 Nancy Wellman

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

- 7.B. Donations
 - 7.B.1 The Great Lakes Forest Fire Compact will donate \$100,000 to be used to coordinate an update to the Landfire coverage maps for Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED approval and to acknowledge the donation, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Information Items
 - 8.A. Air, Waste, Water, and Enforcement
 - 8.A.1 Environmental Enforcement Guidance

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

- 8.A.2 DNR Retrospective of Rules Impacting Small Business

Mr. Cole requested that the department capture the essence of savings for the government and small business.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

Dr. Thomas requested the Board re-open Mr. Kazmierski’s revision request to the Elk Management Plan which states is Natural Resources Board Guidance. This did not pass as a Board amendment since Mr. Kazmierski’s motion at 3.B.5 died to lack of a second. This cannot be added to plan unless it is voted upon by Board.

Mr. Cole MOVED, seconded by Mr. Bruins, to amend the Elk Management plan to include Mr. Kazmierski’s Predator Management amendment.

Mr. Andryk stated that the Board would first need to bring the back the motion to approve agenda item 3.B.5 – Request adoption of revisions to Wisconsin’s Elk Management Plan.

Dr. Thomas MOVED, seconded by Mr. Hilgenberg to reconsider agenda item 3.B.5 – Request adoption of revisions to Wisconsin’s Elk Management Plan.

Ms. Wiley MOVED to replace the word “will” with “may” in the first sentence of the note: The department “may” address elk management needs as it works with stakeholders to develop new wolf management and bear management plans. The motion to amend failed due to the lack of a second.

Dr. Thomas MOVED, Mr. Hilgenberg seconded, to add guidance to the Elk Management Plan that if future elk restorations or herd growth is compromised due to high levels of predation by wolves, bears, or other predators, the department will work with the Board and appropriate stakeholders to initiate actions that will reduce predator populations in the elk restoration zones. The original motion as amended carried unanimously.

Analysis

On December 12, 2012 the Natural Resources Board adopted a plan amendment to the Clam Lake and Black River elk management plans for management of Wisconsin’s wild elk herds. The plan amendment recommends supplemental increase of elk to bolster the Clam Lake herd and establish a Black River herd as supported by the public. The plan also suggests that improved habitat spread over a broader area is an important factor in reducing predator impacts on the herd. This guidance directs the department to consider predator management in order to restore or maintain elk herds.

- 8.B. Land Management, Recreation, Fisheries, and Wildlife
None

Rob Bohmann, Wisconsin Conservation Congress Chair, updated the Board on the Youth Conservation Committee.

Chair Clausen appointed Mr. Cole and Mr. Kazmierski to be committee liaisons for the Board.

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25p.m.

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