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**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD**

**BRIEF OF ACTION**

An informal meeting of the Natural Resources Board and Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Board was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 in the Board Room at the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison, WI. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Organizational Matters

1.A. Calling the roll

NRB:

William Bruins – present

Christine Thomas – present

Terry Hilgenberg – present

Greg Kazmierski – present

Preston Cole – present

Jane Wiley – present

David Clausen – present

ATCPB:

Andy Diercks – present

Richard Cates, Jr. – present

Mike Dummer – present

Enrique Figueroa – absent

Pamela Garvey – present

John Koepke – present

Margaret Krome – present

Miranda Leis – present

Mark Schleitwiler – present

Department presentations were received and Board discussions followed on Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and Federal Funding, Farmland Preservation, and Nutrient Management.

**INFORMATIONAL – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

The joint meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 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 1:05 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 – present	

1.B. Approval of agenda for February 22, 2012

**Cathy Stepp**, Department Secretary, requested the February 21-22, 2012 agenda be amended to have Item 3C1 – Scope Statement approval re NR 64 be moved to immediately follow Item 3B1 – Adoption of Board Order CF-16-11 re NR 50 and NR 64. Having these two items appear right after each other would help the Board deal with related issues at one time.

**Mr. Bruins MOVED approval of the agenda as amended, seconded by Ms. Wiley. The motion carried unanimously.**

1.C. Approval of minutes from December 13-14, 2011

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

1.D. Approval of minutes from January 24-25, 2012

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

2. Ratification of Acts of the Department Secretary

2.A. Real Estate Transactions

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

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 Board Order CF-16-11, revising chs. NR 50 (snowmobile grant program) and NR 64 (all-terrain vehicle grant program)

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

3.C. Scope Statements

3.C.1 Request approval of the Statement of Scope and to proceed with drafting of Emergency Board Order CF-26-11(E), a proposal to revise ch. NR 64 to establish a trail-route combination for all-terrain vehicles (ATV)

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

- 3.B.2. Request adoption of Board Order FH-25-11, relating to the commercial whitefish season in Lake Michigan and Green Bay

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

- 3.B.3. Ratification of Department decision to issue a Stewardship grant to The Conservation Fund (TCF) in the Town of Chicog, Washburn County for more than 50% of the acquisition cost

**DELETED** (Moved to March 28 agenda)

- 3.B.4. Land Acquisition and Project Boundary Modification - Chippewa Moraine State Recreation Area - Chippewa County

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

- 3.B.5 Land Acquisition - Southwest Wisconsin Grassland & Stream Conservation Area - Dane County

**Chair Clausen** requested the new Natural Resources Board members receive a copy of the Wisconsin Land Legacy Report and receive a briefing.

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

- 3.B.6 Land Acquisitions and Project Boundary Modifications - Mountain Bay State Trail -Marathon County; Wild Goose State Trail - Fond du Lac County; and Newton Blackmour State Trail - Brown County

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

**Chair Clausen** called the question.

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

- 3.B.7 Land Acquisition - Lower Chippewa River State Natural Area - Eau Claire County

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

- 3.B.8 Land Acquisition - Ice Age Trail - Sauk County

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

**Mr. Kazmierski MOVED, seconded by Mr. Hilgenberg to amend approval to allow hunting during all seasons established in NR 10.01 according to NR 10.275(4)(c).**

**Dr. Thomas** commented that there will be a trail across this parcel. She requested there be leeway for staff for appropriate management where trail is located.

**The motion to amend carried unanimously.**

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

- 3.B.9 Land Acquisition - Straight Lake Wildlife Area - Polk County

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

- 3.B.10 Land Donation - Crex Meadows Wildlife Area - Burnett County

**Dr. Thomas MOVED approval and to acknowledge their gift, seconded by Mr. Hilgenberg.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

3.B.11 Land Donation and Project Boundary Modification - Willow River Fishery Area - Waushara County

**Mr. Bruins MOVED approval and to acknowledge their gift, seconded by Dr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.**

4. Citizen Participation

4.A. Citizen Participation

4. Citizen Participation – 1:00 p.m.

4.A. Citizen Recognition

4.A.1. LEED Certification

**INFORMATION ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

4.B. Citizen Participation – 1:00 p.m.

None

5. Board Members' Matters

**Mr. Bruins** stated that the Board received a great presentation from Pheasants Forever this morning on Item 3.B.5. People in his home community are concerned about reestablishing the pheasant population. He asked what the Department is doing in that regard. He would like to see the ring-neck pheasant population reestablished in Wisconsin.

**Dr. Thomas** stated that in another role she is the vice-chair of the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage and Conservation Council which is advisory to the secretaries of Interior and Agriculture. At their last meeting, they provided them with an interesting booklet that had projects in it that they are hoping to partner with states on the American Great Outdoors initiative. There were two projects in the booklet from Wisconsin. One was the Ice Age Trail near Baraboo and the other was Lake Michigan Water Trail. The council was told that those projects came from our Governors and that the Governors in cooperation with the lead staff of (assuming) the Departments of Natural Resources came up with these. It would be interesting for the Board to have a report at a meeting on those projects, how they were chosen, and where the department is intending to go with those as part of the America's Great Outdoors initiative.

**Mr. Hilgenberg** reiterated what he said yesterday during the joint board meeting with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. As an Enterprise agency, he would hope one of our initiatives is to review our rules and get rid of some that are no longer applicable and be serious about it. There are way too many rules. As long as we have the Enterprise designation, we should take it to the hilt.

**Mr. Kazmierski** stated that in light of the new deer report that will be presented today and some of the articles coming out, we do not make it easy for sportsmen to take on that task of hunting coyotes and those type of predators. He would like to see an aggressive effort to allow sportsmen be able to pick up road kill January through possibly March and utilize that to hunt coyotes rather than let them rot in the ditch or pay someone to pick them up.

**Mr. Cole** stated that any future joint meetings with the Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Board should be field meetings.

**Dr. Clausen** distributed spreadsheets on Warden salaries and benefits for Wisconsin and other States. He called this to the attention of the Board because he would hate to see the department spend taxpayers money to train recruits, get them going, and then lose them to another state where

they are paid more money.

He then stated he was remiss yesterday during the joint meeting. He should have brought up that forests are also working lands. We need to keep that in mind.

6. Special Committees' Reports  
None

7. Department Secretary's Matters  
7.A. Retirement Resolutions  
7.A.1 Jim Baumann  
7.A.2 Mark S. Randall  
7.A.3 Richard J. Randall

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

- 7.B. Donations  
7.B.1 Ducks Unlimited and Dow AgroSciences donated sunflower seed valued up to \$75,000 to provide increased hunting opportunities for bird hunters in Wisconsin

**Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED approval and to acknowledge their donation, seconded by Mr. Cole. The motion carried unanimously.**

- 7.B.2 The Paul E. Stry Foundation, Inc. will donate \$20,000 to the Bureau of Endangered Resources in support of the management of state natural areas in the LaCrosse area

**Mr. Kazmierski MOVED approval and to acknowledge their donation, seconded by Mr. Bruins. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

- 8.B. Land Management, Recreation, Fisheries, and Wildlife  
8.B.1 Wisconsin's Endangered and Threatened Species Law

**INFORMATION ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

**Chair Clausen** requested a motion to go into Executive Session.

**Mr. Cole MOVED, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski 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 and 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	Preston Cole – yes
Christine Thomas – yes	Jane Wiley – yes
Terry Hilgenberg – yes	David Clausen – yes
Greg Kazmierski – yes	

**Chair Clausen** reconvened the meeting at 1:02 p.m. He reported that during the Executive Session no action was taken.

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

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\*\*\*The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.\*\*\*

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