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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

BRIEF OF ACTION

A special meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 in Room 41, State Education Building (GEF 3), Madison, Wisconsin. It was moved from Room G09, State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2), Madison, Wisconsin due to an early morning leak in the heating/cooling system which resulted in significant operational disruption in GEF 2. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. for action on items 1 and 3. The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Organizational Matters

Chair Cole thanked staff for their efforts in relocating the Board meeting to room 41 at the State Education Building (GEF 3), 125 S. Webster Street, Madison today. At 12:30 p.m. today, he did not think the meeting would take place.

1.A. Calling the roll

William Bruins – present Gary Zimmer – present
Christine Thomas – present Jane Wiley – absent/excused
Terry Hilgenberg – present Preston Cole – present
Greg Kazmierski – present

Chair Cole asked for a moment of silence to honor former Board Member and great conservationist Herb Behnke, who passed away on Sunday, December 8, 2013.

Mr. Bruins asked whether all former members of the Board that served with Mr. Behnke received notice of his passing and Tuesday, December 17 memorial service.

Staff responded that all former Board Members that the department has addresses for will receive the memorial information.

1.B. Approval of agenda for December 10-11, 2013

Mr. Zimmer MOVED approval of the December 10-11, 2013 agenda, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski. The motion carried 6 – 0. Jane Wiley was absent.

2. Information Items

2.A. Air, Waste, Water, and Enforcement – None

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

2.B.1. Report and preliminary results of the 2013 firearm deer season

Presentations on communications, hunter recruitment and retention, harvest, and law enforcement. **(4 PowerPoint's)**

Discussion on hunter recruitment and retention: Whether the hunter numbers are different than what was projected, and whether other states recognize Wisconsin's online hunter education courses.

Chair Cole noted the upcoming retirement of Randy Stark, Chief Warden, and applauded him for his service and dedication to the state of Wisconsin. Mr. Stark received a standing ovation.

A general discussion followed on the report: Whether the expanded hunt in state parks was a non-event and how many hunters hunted in the state parks.

Kurt Thiede, Lands Division Administrator, stated that after the spring 2014 turkey hunt, they will come back to the Board with an update on the state park hunt.

Discussion continued on whether the 50 positives of CWD processed were associated with new areas or were in the original CWD area, whether the department could explain why northeast region had a 11% increase in the antlerless harvest when none of the other regions did, whether the department had any data from the archery hunt and whether the department should start monitoring this data earlier, and whether the department needs to be more adaptive to signs on the ground when structuring seasons.

2.B.2. Preliminary results and demonstration of the department's new mobile hunting and fishing application **(PowerPoint)**

Discussion followed on whether the sunrise/sunset app will have the capability of alerting user via text to the daily opening and closing using the GPS location and whether the app will be revised to use lunar tables to figure out higher levels of activity.

Mr. Kazmierski and **Dr. Thomas** thanked Mr. Welch for a job well done.

Secretary Stepp applauded Mr. Welch and his team, as well as Bill Cosh. They listened to what our customers want. This will enrich the outdoor experience.

Chair Cole moved the meeting to agenda item 3.A.1. Agenda item 2.B.3. will be taken up as last item of the day.

2.B.3. Briefing on remote staff presentations (moved to last item on today's agenda)

3. Action Items

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

3.A.1. Request adoption of Board Order WT-29-09, proposed rules affecting Ch. NR 114, Wis. Adm. Code, related to the certification of wastewater treatment plant Operators

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED approval of the department's recommendations, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski. The motion carried unanimously.

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

3.B.1. Request adoption of Board Order WM-05-13 related to bobcat and elk management and hunting (PowerPoint)

Public Appearances:

1. **Scott McAuley**, Wisconsin Rapids, representing self. He spoke in support of the department's recommendations. **(Handout)**
2. **Don Carroll**, Mauston, representing self. He spoke in support of the department's recommendations.
3. **Scott Zimmermann**, Reeseville, representing WI Trappers Association as Vice-President. He spoke in support of the department's recommendation. **(Handout)**
4. **George Meyer**, Madison, representing WI Wildlife Federation as Executive Director. He spoke in support of the department's recommendations.

Discussion followed on whether there were any comments received regarding elk in opposition or with concerns on damage to property or farmland.

Mr. Kazmierski expressed his disappointment that there was nothing in the rule about monitoring predators on the elk herd. He recommended that the department seriously consider these impacts on elk populations, find out what the impacts are, and handle it in an amendment. He expects an update when the wolf management plan comes before the Board.

Dr. Thomas MOVED approval of the department's recommendations, seconded by Mr. Hilgenberg. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Cole excused himself from the meeting due to a scheduling conflict and passed the gavel to Vice-Chair Hilgenberg.

- 3.B.2. Request approval of the department's proposed amendment to the Land Acquisition and Sales Handbook to include new policies the department and Natural Resources Board will follow when making land available for sale in accordance with s. 23.145, Wis. Stats.

Vice-Chair Hilgenberg highlighted all the discussions and rewrites that took place in preparing this policy. He stated that it was duly vetted by a couple of Board Members.

Mr. Zimmer MOVED approval of the department's recommendations, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Hilgenberg returned the meeting to agenda item 2.B.3.

- 2.B.3. Briefing on remote staff presentations (PowerPoint)

Discussion followed as to whether the Board's use of Live Meeting is the first in state government and what equipment is needed at the remote offices.

Vice-Chair Hilgenberg thanked Brent Alderman and our regional and local IT staff for making this happen. This is a great opportunity for being more conscience of cost and time savings for staff.

Vice-Chair Hilgenberg asked for a motion to recess the meeting.

Mr. Kazmierski MOVED to recess the meeting until Wednesday, December 12, 2013, seconded by Mr. Zimmer. The motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 in Room 41, State Education Building (GEF 3), Madison, Wisconsin. It was moved from Room G09, State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2), Madison, Wisconsin on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 due to an early morning leak in the heating/cooling system which resulted in significant operational disruption in GEF 2. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. for action on items 1-3 and 6-7. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Organizational Matters

Chair Cole returned the meeting from recess. He noted that the Board will receive two presentations remotely from the department's Ashland office.

- 1.A. Calling the roll

Chair Cole stated that all members except Jane Wiley were in attendance.

1.B. Approval of Brief of Action from October 22-23, 2013

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED approval of the October 22-23, 2013 Brief of Action, seconded by Mr. Zimmer. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Ratification of Acts of the Department Secretary

2.A. Real Estate Transactions

Mr. Bruins MOVED approval of the Real Estate Transactions, 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-06-12, proposed rule affecting Chapter NR 115 related to revising Wisconsin's statewide minimum standards for shoreland zoning

Public Appearances:

1. **Tom Onofrey**, Columbus, representing Wisconsin County Code Administrators (WCCA). He spoke in support of the department's recommendation.

Discussion followed as to how many counties are represented by WCCA.

2. **Ezra Meyer**, Madison, representing Clean Wisconsin. He spoke with concerns, asked the Board not to adopt the department's recommendations, and asked that an environmental assessment be done. **(Handout)**
3. **Julie Anderson**, City of Oak Creek, representing Racine County as Director of Public Works and Development Services. She spoke in support of the department's recommendation.
4. **Jay Verhulst**, Arbor Vitae, representing The Foundation for Common Sense (representing a number of townships and villages as a consultant). He spoke with serious concerns to the rule and asked for coordination to explore alternatives to maintain environmental standards and have less impact on humans. **(Handout)**
5. **Sandra Verhulst**, Arbor Vitae, representing self. She spoke in opposition to the department's recommendations. She addressed fire safety and disease concerns.

Discussion followed on how health is tied into the proposed changes to NR 115.

6. **Al Anding spoke in place of Dr. Vernon Moore**, Philips, representing self. He asked the Board to concentrate on connected and not unconnected imperviousness unless or until there is reliable data that regulation of the latter is needed. **(Handout)**
7. **George Meyer**, Madison, representing WI Wildlife Federation as Executive Director. WWF was disappointed with the lowered standards in the proposed rule and spoke with concerns. He asked the Board to send this back to the department and have staff come back with an alternative.
8. **Helen Sarakinis**, Madison, representing River Alliance of Wisconsin She stated they are deeply concerned and dismayed at these rule revisions which lower the standard. She asked that the Board direct the department to answer their questions in her handout before sending the rule revisions to the legislature. **(Handout)**

Mr. Bruins asked that Russ Rasmussen rebut the serious allegations made today regarding the department's restructuring of NR 115.

Chair Cole requested that Mr. Rasmussen be succinct to the Environmental Assessment, impervious surfaces, the human health piece, and the Board's role.

Discussion followed on the performance standard and whether the county is responsible for making sure it is adequate if exceeded.

Secretary Stepp publicly acknowledged the extraordinary efforts leading up to the 2010 revisions. The department is trying to strike a balance on clean water and being responsible and respectful of property rights. The Code Administrators asked the department for help. If it cannot be implemented, it is not workable and it will not achieve the goal the way it is written.

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED approval of the department's recommendations, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski.

Dr. Thomas requested that Mr. Onofrey discuss the practicality of counties implementing the process, and the standards and policing of the engineered impervious surface issue.

Discussion followed on the flexibility of the proposed rule, some concern about not doing an environmental assessment, and that the department reacted to the problems that arose out of the implementation process.

The motion carried unanimously.

3.A.2. Request approval for Secretary's Executive Order to extend deadline for county adoption of updated ordinances under NR 115

Public Appearances:

1. **Tom Onofrey**, Columbus, representing Wisconsin County Code Administrators (WCCA). He spoke in support of the department's recommendation.
2. **Elizabeth Wheeler** or **Ezra Meyer**, Madison, representing Clean Wisconsin asked to be removed from the speaker list.
3. **Julie Anderson**, City of Oak Creek, representing Racine County as Director of Public Works and Development Services. She spoke in support of the department's recommendation.
4. **Helen Sarakinos**, Madison, representing River Alliance of Wisconsin asked to be removed from the speaker list.

Mr. Kazmierski MOVED approval of the department's recommendations, seconded by Mr. Bruins. The motion carried unanimously.

3.A.3. Request authorization for public hearings for DG-03-13, proposed rules affecting Chs. NR 146 and NR 812 related to inspections of water systems at time of property transfer; licensing of filling and sealing contractors, well inspectors and water well drilling rig operators; and citations for violations related to drilling and pump installing to protect public health and groundwater (PowerPoint)

Mr. Hilgenberg stated this proposed rule has implications for transferring property and it discriminates against buyers and sellers.

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED to strike the requirement from p. 35 of 91, section 91, paragraph (2)(c): Beginning ten years after the effective date of this paragraph [legislative reference bureau inserts date], a well may not terminate within or extend through the basement or below-grade crawl space of a building. Any well that terminates in or extends through a basement or below-grade crawl space shall be filled and sealed according to the requirements of s. NR 812.26.

The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Discussion followed on point driven wells and the associated health issues, potential attendance at public hearings by well drillers and Realtors, who recommended the 10 year restriction, whether there is a requirement for routine inspections of point wells, and whether the department knows how many

nonconforming wells are in Wisconsin, and whether the state could set aside funds to those qualified to assist in replacing wells.

Secretary Stepp stated that grant programs are run through the legislature. A legislator would need to initiate a program for the department to partner with and support.

Mr. Bruins MOVED approval of the department's recommendations, seconded by Mr. Zimmer.

Discussion followed on what is required by the mortgage company when selling a property and what could be done by the state to assist those homeowners who cannot use their drinking water system at the end of the 10 years.

The motion carried on a voice vote of 5 - 1.

- 3.A.4. Request authorization for public hearings for Board Order SS-14-12, proposed rules affecting ch. NR 157, NR 219, and NR 233, related to analytical test methods and procedures for wastewater and biosolids

Dr. Thomas MOVED approval of the department's recommendations, seconded by Mr. Hilgenberg. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.B. Land Management, Recreation, Fisheries, and Wildlife
3.B.1. Request adoption of Emergency Board Order FH-26-13(E), and to authorize public hearings for Board Order FH-26-12, proposed rules affecting chapter NR 25 related to amending Lake Superior lake trout harvest limits as required by revisions to the State-Tribal Lake Superior (PowerPoint)

Chair Cole welcomed the Board's first remote presenter, Lake Superior Fish Team Supervisor Peter Stevens, from the Ashland office.

Dr. Thomas MOVED approval of the department's recommendations, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3.B.2. Request adoption of Board Order FH-25-12, proposed rules affecting chapter NR 25, related to the number and placement of trap nets for commercial fishing activity in the Restricted Use Area of Lake Superior (PowerPoint)

Discussion followed on how this area is identified for users and whether the red lines on the map are actual or are a hypothetical placement.

Chair Cole thanked Mr. Stevens and the department's IT and Board staff for two successful presentations from Ashland.

Mr. Stevens thanked regional IT staff Pat Dwyer for his assistance.

Mr. Zimmer MOVED approval of the department's recommendations, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.3. Request adoption of Board Order FH-01-12, proposed rules affecting chapter NR 20, related to fishing tournaments (PowerPoint)

Discussion followed on the number of high profile tournaments held in Wisconsin each year, how the exemption process would work, whether there is set criteria for the exemption process, whether the department will give the Board a follow-up report, whether the department should consider alternatives to reducing stress on returning fish to the water, whether tournaments are scheduled around water temperature, and whether the department plans to follow-up with radio tagging to see what percentage of released fish return back to the location caught.

Mr. Kazmierski MOVED approval of the department's recommendations, seconded by Mr. Zimmer. The motion carried unanimously.

3.B.4. Request approval of department recommendation to issue a Stewardship grant that will prohibit at least two nature-based outdoor activities (NBOA) on non-department land: Milwaukee County

Discussion followed on whether this would disallow Milwaukee County from controlling nuisance wildlife populations and how Union Pacific Railroad is partnering on this grant.

Public Appearance:

1. James Keegan, Milwaukee, representing Milwaukee County Parks, Chief of Planning and Development. He spoke in support of the NBOA prohibition request. (Handout)

Dr. Thomas MOVED approval of the department's recommendations, seconded by Mr. Zimmer.

Discussion followed on the disparity of the appraisals.

The motion carried unanimously.

3.C. Scope Statements

- 3.C.1. Request approval of the Statement of Scope for permanent Board Order ER-30-13 and Emergency Board Order ER-31-13(E) and conditionally approve the public hearing notice for ER-30-13 and notice of submittal of proposed rules to the Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse, proposed rules affecting NR 10.02, 16.12, 19.275, 21.13, and 22.13 related to the addition of Blanding's Turtle to the State's Protected Wild Animal list, possession exemptions, and turtle seasons and limits

Dr. Thomas MOVED approval of the department's recommendations, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski. The motion carried unanimously.

3.D. Department-Wide

3.D.1. Request approval of Manual Code for Natural Resources Board and Department Secretary's appointments

Mr. Zimmer MOVED approval of the department's recommendations, seconded by Dr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Cole moved the meeting to information item 5.

5. Information Items

5.A. Air, Waste, Water, and Enforcement - None

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

5.B.1. Update on the Statewide Walleye Management Plan and the expanded walleye stocking program (PowerPoint)

Discussion followed on whether there is a specific monitoring effort on stocked lakes to see what is happening in the future, whether the alkaline level of a lake can be altered, how slots work, and the grant program and process.

Secretary Stepp thanked the legislature and Governor Walker for their support. She stated that managing expectations will be important moving forward. She thanked fisheries staff for their business approach and delivering it in a huge way.

Chair Cole thanked fisheries staff as well as the department's administration for their heavy lifting. This is a legacy and milestone for the fisheries community in Wisconsin. Here is an opportunity for us to make sure the public knows we are effective, responsive, and efficient.

Mr. Hilgenberg agreed and stated this was an outstanding report.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

5.B.2. Public Access Lands (PAL) Atlas

Secretary Stepp stated this was another example of DNR going above and beyond. She displayed the PAL atlas and said that a lot of folks worked hard on it. To Doug Haag, Kurt Thiede, and staff --- well done!

Discussion followed as to whether the Atlas will note lands open for hunting and which parcels are restricted.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

Chair Cole requested a motion to go into closed session under the authority of s. 19.85(1)(g) Wisconsin Statutes for purposes of discussing litigation matters and under the authority of s. 19.36(1) Wisconsin Statutes for purposes of discussing personnel matters.

Dr. Thomas MOVED, seconded by Mr. Zimmer. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 6 – 0.

William Bruins – yes	Gary Zimmer – yes
Christine Thomas – yes	Jane Wiley – absent
Terry Hilgenberg – yes	Preston Cole – yes
Greg Kazmierski – yes	

Chair Cole reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. He reported that during the Executive Session no action was taken regarding litigation matters. Mike Rogers was selected by the Board to be on the Sporting Heritage Council to represent the bear group.

Chair Cole moved the meeting to agenda item 4.

4. Citizen Participation – 1:00 p.m.

4.A. Citizen Participation

Public Appearances

1. **Stanley Goldfarb**, Madison, representing self (**Handout**)

Topic: DNR plans for the Badger Army Ammunition Plant property

He spoke against the nonconventional purposes proposed for this property.

4.B. Citizen Recognition

4.B.1. One Team One Planet Spent Tire Program – Bridgestone Retail Operations

Secretary Stepp acknowledged Bridgestone manager, Ms. Debra Hamlin who coordinated this service for Bridgestone, and to DNR Forester Shelley Wrzochalski, who worked with Bridgestone to initiate this partnership for DNR. This partnership was initiated in 2012 to forge a partnership in the proper recycling of illegally dumped tires on state properties.

Chair Cole moved the meeting to agenda item 6.

6. Department Secretary's Matters

6.A. Retirement Resolutions

6.A.1. Jeffrey Bode

6.A.2. Timothy J. Lawhern

6.A.3. Terry Tappon

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

Secretary Stepp thanked Tim Lawhern for his years of service to the department and asked that he come to the podium to accept his plaque.

Tim Lawhern, retired Enforcement and Science Division Administrator, stated that he had the great opportunity to have lived the dream during his career at the department. He thanked all of the people that were involved in that dream. What he has missed the most since retiring from the department is the people. This agency draws people from the same cloth – they have a compassion for natural resource issues.

6.B. Donations

- 6.B.1. Lake Michigan Air Directors Consortium will donate air monitoring equipment, computer hardware and computer software valued at \$100,164 to be used to monitor air quality and various meteorological parameters, model air quality, and estimate pollutant emissions

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED approval of the department's recommendations and to acknowledge the donation, seconded by Dr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

- 6.B.2. The Friends of Crex will donate \$40,000 to fund the design and construction of a new mess hall at Crex Meadows Wildlife Area in partnership with NWCE and the department

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED approval of the department's recommendations and to acknowledge the donation, seconded by Mr. Zimmer. The motion carried unanimously.

- 6.B.3. The Northwest Wisconsin Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. (NWCE) will donate \$20,000 to fund the design and construction of a new mess hall at Crex Meadows Wildlife Area in partnership with The Friends of Crex and the department

Mr. Bruins MOVED approval of the department's recommendations and to acknowledge the donation, seconded by Mr. Zimmer. The motion carried unanimously.

- 6.B.4. The Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin will donate \$28,309 from the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Fund to support wildlife habitat restoration and management activities along the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway

Public Appearances:

1. **Ruth Oppedahl**, Madison, representing Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin as Executive Director. She spoke in support of the donation

approval and highlighted some of the other funds that the Natural Resources Foundation manages for their donors to benefit the state's natural resources, including Cherish Wisconsin (cherishwisconsin.org).

Mr. Zimmer MOVED approval of the department's recommendations and to acknowledge the donation, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Stepp presented Ms. Oppedahl the acknowledgement of gift plaque.

- 6.B.5. The Watertown Outboarders Club will donate \$25,000 to be used to install an accessible pier and boat launching facility; any remaining funds will be used for other improvements on site as determined by the department

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED approval of the department's recommendations and to acknowledge the donation, seconded by Mr. Zimmer. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Stepp asked Keith Kuerschner to the podium and presented to him the acknowledgement of gift plaque.

Public Appearance:

1. **Keith Kuerschner**, Watertown Outboarders Club Commodore. He reported on all the funds they have already donated back from their club. He thanked the Board and department for the purchase of this property which will be there for future generations.
- 6.B.6. The Estate of Norman Huth will donate approximately \$16,000 to be used to fund educational programming as well as improvements at Havenwoods State Forest

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED approval of the department's recommendations and to acknowledge the donation, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Cole noted that during future meetings, the Board should act on all donations in aggregate after the last donation is presented.

Secretary Stepp reported on the Board's opportunity to present advisory questions on the 2014 spring hearing questionnaire at the January 21-22 Board meeting and then updated the Board on the Department Leadership Team's comprehensive look at all of the department's outreach and education efforts.

7. Board Members' Matters
- 7.A. Bear Representative appointment to Sporting Heritage Council

Mike Rogers was selected by the Board during closed session.

7.B. Board Members Matters

Mr. Zimmer requested information on the warden evaluation of the proposed Deer Trustee Report (DTR) changes (e.g. call-in registration, how effective have other call-in registrations been).

Mr. Kazmierski, requested, regarding foot hold traps in the pine marten management area where the use of foot hold traps are prohibited, that the DNR wolf committee and furbearer committees investigate ways to allow the use of foot hold traps for wolves that do not adversely impact marten recovery.

Mr. Hilgenberg challenged the department to improve the hunting opportunities in northern Wisconsin to revitalize the positive impact on the northern economy.

Dr. Thomas stated that Herb Behnke, former Natural Resources Board Member, passed away on Sunday. His memorial will be next Tuesday. Both she and Secretary Stepp served with Herb on the Natural Resources Board. She then offered to the Board for their consideration the following Resolution in his honor.

WHEREAS: Herb F. Behnke, longest serving Natural Resources Board member and former chairman, is recognized for his lifelong dedication and contributions to Wisconsin's natural resources as a true conservationist.

WHEREAS: Herb's 22 year tenure on the Natural Resources Board began when he was appointed by Gov. Warren Knowles in 1967 and served until 1972, and it continued when he was reappointed in 1989 by Gov. Tommy Thompson and subsequently served under governors Scott McCallum and Jim Doyle until 2006. He served as chairman from 1993-1997.

WHEREAS: Among his greatest contributions to Wisconsin was being a fearless champion of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program; his instrumental role in the formation of the Lower Wolf River Bottomlands Natural Resources Area, which is now known as the "Herb Behnke Unit of the Lower Wolf River Bottomlands Natural Resources Area;" and his advocacy for science-based resource management.

WHEREAS: His legacy lives on through a scholarship that he and his wife Lenore established to support students interested in conservation law enforcement at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources.

WHEREAS: As a the voice for the "common man and woman" and their passions to enjoy the natural resources, Herb had a vision to give the opportunity to everyone with places to hunt, fish, camp and just be outside to enjoy the great state that Wisconsin is.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Natural Resources Board of Wisconsin recognizes Herb F. Behnke for his lifelong contributions to Wisconsin conservation and his lasting legacy of the protection and enhancement of the state's natural resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that on this 11th day of December 2013 at its meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, the Natural Resources Board hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

Dr. Thomas MOVED, seconded by Mr. Hilgenberg approval of the Behnke Resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bruins requested an information item at a future meeting on the Land Management Plan to improve recreational opportunities and control invasive species.

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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