

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Executive Meeting

Conference call

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	6/16/2016	1 PM	Conference Call
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Chairman Larry Bonde at 1 PM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Fahrney, Maas, Shook, Bonde, Zimmermann, Schmit
EXCUSED	Weiss
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Ed Harvey, Doug Haag, Terry Bay

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	No Changes
ACTION	M/ Shook 2 nd Fahrney to approved as published M/C

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. DNR LAND ACQUISITION - QUINCY BLUFF AND WETLANDS NATURAL AREA – ADAMS COUNTY

DOUG HAAG

DISCUSSION	<p>Doug outlined overview of potential purchase. The Department has obtained an option to purchase 20.05 acres of land from Craig Irej for \$185,000.00 for the Quincy Bluff and Wetlands Natural Area. The property is located five miles south of Adams, in Adams County. The land is located entirely within the Quincy Bluff and Wetlands Natural Area project boundary and is surrounded by Department lands on all four sides. The parcel is accessible to the public through 14th Ct. Questions: Maas; WCC delegate from Adams County emailed concerns: Will Duck Creek be returned to its original state? Will the Beaver population be kept under control to allow free flow? Concerns about access to the property. Would it be possible to for an ATV access loop for senior users? Doug said this was not part of the scope of the land purchase but that he would have someone from the department contact us to clarify our concerns.</p>	
ACTION	M/ Maas 2 nd Shook to concur with the departments recommendation M/C	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Bonde		Next DNR Board Meeting

**B. DNR LAND ACQUISITION - UPPER WOLF RIVER
FISHERY AREA – LANGLADE COUNTY**

DOUG HAAG

DISCUSSION	<p>Doug outlined overview of potential purchase. The Department has obtained an option to purchase 120 acres of land from the Johnson Heritage Trust Company for \$252,000.00 for the Upper Wolf River Fishery Area. The property is located 20 miles North of Antigo in Langlade County. The land is located entirely within the boundary of the Wolf River Fishery Area and is adjacent to Department lands on the west and east, and is accessible to the public through Whitetail Lane. Seventy five percent of the cost of the purchase will be paid with Federal Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) funding, and the remaining 25% of the cost will be paid with Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program funds. Questions? None</p>	
ACTION	M/ Shook 2 nd Maas to concur with the departments recommendation M/C	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Bonde	Next DNR Board Meeting	

**C. DNR LAND ACQUISITION – LOWER WISCONSIN
STATE RIVERWAY – SAUK COUNTY**

DOUG HAAG

DISCUSSION	<p>Doug outlined overview of potential purchase. The Department has obtained an option to purchase 66.75 acres of land from Steven Giebel et al for \$155,000.00 for the Lower Wisconsin State River Way. The property is located two miles Northeast of Spring Green in Sauk County. The land is located entirely within the boundary of the Lower Wisconsin State River way and is adjacent to Department lands on the North and West. The parcel is accessible to the public from the river, other Department lands and by boat through sloughs to the North. Fifty percent of the cost will be paid with funds from previous land sales in the Village of Muscoda and 50% of the cost will paid with Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program funds. Questions? None</p>	
ACTION	M / Shook 2 nd Maas to concur with the departments recommendation M/C	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Bonde	Next DNR Board Meeting	

**D. DNR LAND ACQUISITION – AND ACREAGE GOAL
INCREASE – MECAN RIVER FISHERY AREA –
MARQUETT COUNTY**

DOUG HAAG

DISCUSSION	<p>Doug outlined overview of potential purchase. The Department has obtained an option to purchase 60.00 acres of land from Chizuco Coleman for \$210,000.00 for the Mecan River Fishery Area. The property is located six miles Southeast of Coloma in Marquette County. The land is located entirely within the boundary of the Mecan River Fishery Area and is adjacent to Department lands on the east. The parcel is accessible to the public from 11th Lane and Hwy Z. Seventy five percent of the cost of the purchase will be paid with federal Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) funding, and the remaining 25% of the cost will be paid with Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program funds. Questions? None</p>	
ACTION	M / Maas 2 nd to concur with the departments recommendation M/C	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Bonde	Next DNR Board Meeting	

**E. DNR LAND ACQUISITION – AND ACREAGE GOAL
INCREASE – MECAN RIVER FISHERY AREA –
MARQUETT COUNTY**

DOUG HAAG

DISCUSSION	<p>Doug outlined overview of potential purchase. The Department has obtained an option to purchase 60.00 acres of land from Chizuco Coleman for \$210,000.00 for the Mecan River Fishery Area. The property is located six miles Southeast of Coloma in Marquette County. The land is located entirely within the boundary of the Mecan River Fishery Area</p>	
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	and is adjacent to Department lands on the east. The parcel is accessible to the public from 11th Lane and Hwy Z. Seventy five percent of the cost of the purchase will be paid with federal Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) funding, and the remaining 25% of the cost will be paid with Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program funds. Questions? None
ACTION	M / Maas 2 nd to concur with the departments recommendation M/C
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Bonde	Next DNR Board Meeting

**F. DNR LAND ACQUISITION – NORTH BRANCH
MILWAUKEE RIVER WILDLIFE AND FARM HERITAGE
AREA-SHEBOYGAN COUNTY**

DOUG HAAG

DISCUSSION	Doug outlined overview of potential purchase. The property is located three miles Northwest of Random Lake in Sheboygan County. The land is located entirely within the boundary of the North Branch Milwaukee River Wildlife and Farm Heritage Area. And is adjacent to easements and fee title lands on the West and East. The parcel is accessible to the public from Abbott Drive and the Milwaukee River. Questions? None
ACTION	M / Maas 2 nd to concur with the departments recommendation M/C
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Bonde	Next DNR Board Meeting

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Maas: Concerned about the commercial whitefish harvest change proposal. Department notification to extend the comment period till the end of the month. He feels that not enough listening sessions have been offered, he had asked that a lease two more would be offered in different areas of the state the only one so far was in Sturgeon Bay. Also wanted to mention the need for a laptop for the secretary along with a dictation program to do minutes. Fahrney: Need to work on the next Congress news letter Larry would like to have an email go out to ask for additional letters or articles to take some of the work off of Lee. Shook: Thanked Kari for her help on an issue he had in Waukesha County.
ACTION	No Action Taken

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	1:34 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Dale Maas
DATE	6/16/16