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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

BRIEF OF ACTION

The regular meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at Waste Management Materials Recovery Facility, W132N10487 Grant Drive, Germantown, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. for action on items 1-7. The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.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 August 7-8, 2012

Dr. Thomas MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Hilgenberg and to defer item 1.C. – Approval of minutes from June 27, 2012 to the September 26, 2012 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- 1.C. Approval of minutes from June 27, 2012 – Deferred to September 26, 2012 meeting agenda

Chair Clausen thanked Southeast Region for the educational and great tours on Tuesday, August 7. Southeast Regional Director Eric Nitschke and Program Assistant Sally Seeger did a great job. He also expressed gratitude to Waste Management MRF, the Menomonee Valley Partners, and Urban Ecology Center for a job well done on their tours and presentations.

2. Ratification of Acts of the Department Secretary
- 2.A. Real Estate Transactions

Ms. Wiley MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski. 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 Emergency Board Order WM-02-12(E), establishing the 2012 migratory game bird hunting seasons

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

Ms. Wiley MOVED to amend, seconded by Dr. Clausen to change the northern zone to run from September 22, 2012 – November 20, 2012, without the split.

Chair Clausen called the question.

The amendment failed on a roll call vote of 3-4.

William Bruins – yes	Preston Cole – no
Christine Thomas – no	Jane Wiley – yes
Terry Hilgenberg – no	David Clausen – yes
Greg Kazmierski – no	

Dr. Thomas stated that the department needs to forget about what the federal government is going to do for next year because the department will need to adjust in the end. She requested that discussions begin to take place immediately across the state about the idea of a split and when it would be so that everyone who wants to engage knows that the Board will consider this next year, regardless of what happens today. The season will be modified next year by how many season days and when the start date is. The discussion about the split is going to be on the table.

The original motion passed on a roll call vote of 4-3.

William Bruins – no	Preston Cole – yes
Christine Thomas – yes	Jane Wiley – no
Terry Hilgenberg – yes	David Clausen – no
Greg Kazmierski – yes	

3.B.2 Request adoption of Emergency Board Order WM-16-12(E) relating to coyote hunting during firearm deer seasons

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

3.B.3 Request authorization for public hearing for Board Order FH 01 12, regarding fishing tournaments rules in NR 20.40 **DELETED**

3.B.4 Land Acquisition - Paradise Valley Wildlife Area - Waukesha County

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

3.B.5 Land Acquisition - Ice Age Trail - Columbia County

Ms. Wiley MOVED approval, seconded by Dr. Clausen.

The motion failed on a roll call vote of 2 - 4. Mr. Hilgenberg abstained.

William Bruins – no	Preston Cole – no
Christine Thomas – no	Jane Wiley – yes
Terry Hilgenberg – abstained	David Clausen – yes
Greg Kazmierski – no	

3.B.6 Land Acquisition - Pike Wild River - Marinette County

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

3.B.7 Land Easement Acquisition - Emmons Creek Fishery Area - Waupaca County

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

3.B.8 Land Exchange - Glacial Habitat Restoration Area - Winnebago County

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

3.B.9 Land Donation and Expansion of Project Boundary - Amsterdam Sloughs Wildlife Area - Burnett County

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

3.C. Scope Statements
None

4. Citizen Participation

4.A. Citizen Participation

1. **Matthew Howard**, Milwaukee, representing City of Milwaukee as Environmental Sustainability Director
Topic: Milwaukee Green Team's Public Input Process

Mr. Cole stated that he would like to have Southeast Regional Director Eric Nitschke sit down more with Matthew Howard and to make sure that the department's wishes run through Eric Nitschke. The department has a lot to say to the City of Milwaukee as to environmental sustainability.

5. Board Members' Matters

5.A. Approval of 2013 Meeting Calendar

Mr. Bruins requested that the August 2013 meeting be set one week earlier due to scheduling conflicts with the WI State Fair.

Mr. Hilgenberg questioned whether the meeting dates could be moved to the middle of the month instead of the 4th week.

Mr. Hilgenberg MOVED, seconded by Mr. Kazmierski to table this item until the September 26, 2012 meeting and that the department bring back alternative meeting dates for the 2nd Wednesday and/or 3rd Wednesday of each month. The motion to table carried unanimously.

6. Special Committees' Reports
None

7. Department Secretary's Matters

7.A. Retirement Resolutions

7.A.1 Arvid B. Haugen **ADDED**

Mr. Bruins MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Hilgenberg of the retirement resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

7.B. Donations

7.B.1 A. Finkl & Sons Company will donate a total of \$588,133 for tree planting on Wisconsin State Forests from 2012 - 2022

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

7.B.2 The Andrew F. Bell and Edith M. Bell Charitable Trust will donate \$38,991 to be split evenly between the Bureau's of Endangered Resources and Wildlife Management for continued

support of endangered species priorities and for wetland habitat research

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

- 7.B.3 The Willow River OWLs will donate up to \$30,000 to pay the salary of the environmental educator and a seasonal assistant at Willow River State Park

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

Secretary Stepp thanked Lynn Morgan and Waste Management for their hospitality. She could not attend the tour yesterday but heard glowing reports. Recycling is an important issue. She gave a special shout-out to the team from the mighty Southeast Region – Sally, Melissa, Margaret, and Eric. She then updated the Board on wolves, ozone redesignation, drought, and the Town of Jackson spill.

Mr. Bruins thanked the department, on behalf of the agricultural community, for their efforts in stepping forward in the drought situation. He then thanked Governor Walker for the exposure he has given to the situation and for the steps he has taken.

Mr. Hilgenberg questioned whether the department anticipated the number of wolf applications being received, how that compares to the anticipated application numbers, and requested an update on tribal negotiations.

Mr. Cole asked whether farmers working DNR lands will receive any drought assistance in terms of delayed payments and/or reduced payments.

- 7.C. Status Report on the Enterprise Agreement and other Department Operational Matters

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

8. Information Items
8.A. Air, Waste, Water, and Enforcement
8.A.1 DNR's Lean Government Initiative

Mr. Cole requested the Board receive the results from the follow-up project surveys.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

- 8.B. Land Management, Recreation, Fisheries, and Wildlife
8.B.1 Update on the report and review of deer management practices prepared by Wisconsin's deer trustee

Dr. Thomas stated that one of the areas she thinks the Deer Trustee had good ideas is in the area of landowner assistance. Rather than calling it deer management, landowners are interested in wildlife management in general. She understood that the department does not have the staff to do this and there may be statutory changes that may need to happen. The point of the Managed Forest Law (MFL) is to move the most fiber at the cheapest price consistently to the market. The other things that happen, happen around the fringes of the MFL. Every piece of research that has ever been done on non-industrial private forest owners says that 75% of them own their land for wildlife value. The law makes them manage for one thing but what the landowner really wants to do is to manage for something else. The department needs to figure out how to get those two things together and to provide assistance to landowners to meet their wildlife goals.

Mr. Hilgenberg strongly recommended that the department really embrace and emphasize

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providing assistance to landowners to meet their wildlife goals as part of the program.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

8.B.2 ~~Update on upcoming department matters~~ **DELETED (moved to 7.C.)**

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

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