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WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

D R A F T BRIEF OF ACTION (rev. 8/1/22)

For hybrid (virtual technology and in-person) meeting at:
Room G09, State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2)
101 South Webster Street
Madison, Wisconsin

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

The hybrid meeting of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board was held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 from Public Meeting Room G09, State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2), 101 South Webster Street, Madison Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. for action on items 1-4 and 7-8. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS (0:00:00 – 0:04:48)

A. Calling the roll (0:03:56 – 0:04:44)

William Bruins – present

Sharon Adams – present

Terry Hilgenberg – present

Marcy West – present

William Smith – present

Dr. Frederick Prehn – present

Greg Kazmierski – present

B. Approval of agenda for June 22, 2022 (0:04:30 – 0:04:48)

At 0:04:30 Dr. Prehn MOVED, seconded by Terry Hilgenberg approval of the agenda for June 22, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

2. CONSENT (0:04:50 – 0:05:06)

A. Approval of brief of action from May 25, 2022

B. Granite Peak Ski Area will donate \$1,655,000 to grow and enhance the seating areas around the chalets in order to provide needed and improved seating space for their customers and remodel the kitchen, bathrooms, and lower level of the Historic

Chalet at Rib Mountain State Park, Marathon County, WI
(Preston D. Cole, Secretary)

At 0:04:50 Dr. Prehn MOVED, seconded by William Smith approval of the consent agenda for June 22, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA –None

4. ACTION ITEMS (0:05:13 – 3:48:06)
ADOPTION

- A. Request adoption of germane modifications to Board Order WA-11-19, proposed rules to revise chapters NR 500, 502 and 520 and create chapter NR 530 for the purpose of implementing electronics recycling program requirements. (0:05:13 – 0:13:19)
(Kate M. Strom Hiorns, Recycling and Solid Waste Section Chief)
At 0:08:54 Terry Hilgenberg MOVED, seconded by Dr. Prehn approval of the department's recommendation. At 0:13:13, the motion carried unanimously.

SCOPE STATEMENTS

- B. Request that the Board approve the Statement of Scope for Board Order WA-13-21 and conditionally approve the public hearing notice and notice of submittal of proposed rules to the Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse, for proposed rules affecting chapters NR 500, 502, 542, and 544 related to statewide materials recycling and effective recycling programs (0:13:56 – 0:18:48)
(Kate Strom Hiorns, Recycling and Solid Waste Section Chief)
At 0:16:12 Dr. Prehn MOVED, seconded by Bill Bruins approval of the department's recommendation. At 0:18:45, the motion carried unanimously.

- C. Request that the Board approve the Statement of Scope for Board Order DG-02-22 and conditionally approve the public hearing notice and notice of submittal of proposed rules to the Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse, for proposed rules creating chapter NR 854 related to statewide water supply service area planning for municipalities serving populations greater than 10,000 people (0:18:51 – 0:30:38)
(Adam Freihoefer, Water Use Section Chief)
At 0:30:30 Marcy West MOVED, seconded by Sharon Adams approval of the department's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Request that the Board approve the Statement of Scope for Board Order DG-03-22 and conditionally approve the public hearing notice and notice of submittal of proposed rules to the Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse, for proposed rules creating chapter NR 851 for the management of diversions (transfers of water from the Great Lakes basin to outside of the Great Lakes basin) and intrabasin transfers including the application and review process and other related criteria (0:30:41 – 0:33:50)
(Adam Freihoefer, Water Use Section Chief)
At 0:33:36 Terry Hilgenberg MOVED, seconded by Bill Bruins approval of the department's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

- E. Request approval of the 2022-2032 Greater Prairie-Chicken Management Plan (0:33:56 – 1:46:12)

(Alaina Gerrits, Wildlife Biologist)

At 1:45:05 Marcy West MOVED, seconded by William Smith approval of the department's recommendation. Dr. Prehn requested a roll call vote.

William Bruins – No

William Smith – Yes

Sharon Adams – Yes

Dr. Frederick Prehn – No

Terry Hilgenberg – Yes

Greg Kazmierski – No

Marcy West – Yes

The motion carried.

- F. Request approval of antlerless deer harvest quotas, antlerless permit levels and a deer hunting season framework for 2022 (1:46:28 – 3:15:54)

(Jeff Pritzl, State Deer Specialist)

At 2:14:24 Dr. Prehn MOVED, seconded by William Smith approval of the department's recommendation.

At 2:20:45 Terry Hilgenberg MOVED to amend the main motion by changing the Florence County quota from 300 to 225 (and for permits = 450 private land, 200 public land), seconded by Dr. Prehn. At 2:30:05, the roll call vote was:

William Bruins – No

William Smith – No

Sharon Adams – No

Dr. Frederick Prehn – Yes

Terry Hilgenberg – Yes

Greg Kazmierski – No

Marcy West – No

The amendment failed.

At 2:36:13 Terry Hilgenberg MOVED to amend the motion by changing the Florence County quota to 160 with 300 permits available for private land and 200 permits available for public land, seconded by Dr. Prehn at 2:38:58. The motion passed unanimously.

At 2:41:03 Chair Kazmierski passed the gavel to Vice-Chair Bruins.

At 2:54:18 Kazmierski MOVED to amend the main motion by lowering the Bayfield County public land tags to 500, seconded by Dr. Prehn.

The amendment passed 4/3 by a hand vote at 3:13:07.

At 3:15:19 the main motion as amended twice, was voted on by a roll call vote.

William Bruins – Yes

William Smith – Yes

Sharon Adams – Yes

Dr. Frederick Prehn – Yes

Terry Hilgenberg – Yes

Greg Kazmierski – Yes

Marcy West – Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

- G. Land Acquisition and Project Boundary Modifications -- Princes Point Wildlife Area and Glacial Heritage Area Rural Landscape Protection Area - Jefferson County (3:16:03 – 3:33:04)

(James W. Lemke, Real Estate Section Chief)

At 3:20:14 Terry Hilgenberg MOVED, seconded by Marcy West approval of the department's recommendation. At 3:33:01, the motion carried unanimously.

H. Land Acquisition -- Leola Marsh Wildlife Area and Central Wisconsin Grassland Conservation Area - Adams County (3:33:10 – 3:47:44)

(James W. Lemke, Real Estate Section Chief)

At 3:36:46 Dr. Prehn MOVED, seconded by William Smith approval of the department's recommendation. At 3:47:20, Dr. Prehn requested a roll call vote.

William Bruins – No

William Smith – Yes

Sharon Adams – Yes

Dr. Frederick Prehn – Yes

Terry Hilgenberg – No

Greg Kazmierski – No

Marcy West – Yes

The motion carried.

5. OPEN FORUM (Testimony that pertains to topics not on the meeting agenda or not in litigation) – at approximately 10:15 a.m. or following break.–**None**

6. INFORMATION ITEMS (3:48:10 – 4:39:17)

A. Board Order WY-29-19, proposed rules affecting chapters NR 1, 107, 109, 150, 193, 329 and 345, related to aquatic plant management, manual removal and mechanical control regulations, aquatic habitat protection, and surface water grants (3:48:10 – 4:10:40) (Carroll W. Schaal, Lakes & Rivers Section Chief) **INFORMATION ONLY – NO ACTION**

B. Wildlife Program Restructuring Update (4:10:47 – 4:39:17)

(Eric Lobner, Wildlife Bureau Director) **INFORMATION ONLY – NO ACTION**

7. DEPARTMENT SECRETARY'S MATTERS (4:39:38 – 4:40:19)

A. RETIREMENT RECOGNITION – Action

1. Kevin L. Fein, Parks and Recreation, 32 years

2. Paul M. Leezer, Public Safety and Resource Protection, 27 years

3. William C. Zwolanek, SCR Administration, 20 years

At 4:40:09 Terry Hilgenberg MOVED, seconded by Marcy West to recognize the department retirees. The motion carried unanimously.

B. DEPARTMENT SECRETARY'S MATTERS (4:40:20 – 4:51:38)

1. Acts of the Department Secretary – Real Estate Transactions

2. Department Secretary's Matters

a. Sandra Dee Naas Report (4:40:30 – 4:45:13)

3. Planning Status Update – None

4. Update on PFAS guidelines (4:45:24 – 4:50:43)

(Gail Good, Acting Environmental Management Division Administrator and Jim Zellmer, Deputy Division Administrator)

5. September NRB meeting to be held in Bayfield, October in NE Region (location TBD) (4:50:50 – 4:51:38) **The Department is continuing to plan for a September meeting in Bayfield County, further details will be provided once a specific location is determined.**

8. BOARD MEMBERS' MATTERS (4:51:44 – 5:04:08)

Bill Bruins, at 4:51:43, gave a reminder about the mid-winter wolf count request for an information item on the August agenda.

Sharon Adams, at 4:52:04, Adams relayed that Havenwood State Park in Milwaukee is having a summit and she and Secretary Cole will be attending.

Terry Hilgenberg, at 4:52:57, requested the DNR bring forward parameters for local CDACs to request the split of a county and also come up with other options/ systems for applying for antlerless tags besides being available at 10:00 am on a Monday morning.

Marcy West, at 4:54:11, reported that she attended Elroy Sparta trail reopening and hatchery, along with visiting some state parks. West would like an update on state parks staffing and funding.

Bill Smith, at 4:55:36, spoke about supporting Terry's request for information on parameters for county splits (re: CDAC) and talked about deer on private land and how to influence that in a positive way.

Dr. Prehn, at 4:57:19, spoke to concerns with CDAC and wants the NRB to have an open and frank discussion about it. It shouldn't be difficult, but Bayfield County continues to be a problem. SAK shouldn't be used and there should be a template in place that anyone could follow. It is overly complicated and shouldn't be.

Chair Kazmierski, at 4:59:31, spoke to the simplification of CDAC and moving forward with CDAC 2.0. He's looking for forest and herd health metrics and would like Dr. Kroll to participate in the August NRB meeting via Zoom.

At 5:04:11, Sharon Adams MOVED, seconded by Bill Bruins to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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