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WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

D R A F T BRIEF OF ACTION (rev. 6/09/22)

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

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

The informal dinner meeting of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board with the Wisconsin Conservation Congress District Leadership Council was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at Great Dane Pub, 123 E. Doty Street, Madison, WI. No action was taken.

The hybrid meeting of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board was held on Wednesday, May 25, 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 10:50 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS (0:00:00 – 0:04:44)

A. Calling the roll (0:04:45 – 0:05:20)

William Bruins – present

Sharon Adams – absent

Terry Hilgenberg – present

Marcy West – present

William Smith – present

Dr. Frederick Prehn – present

Greg Kazmierski – present

B. Approval of agenda for May 25, 2022 (0:05:23 – 0:06:22)

At 0:05:23, Dr. Prehn MOVED, seconded by Terry Hilgenberg approval of the agenda for May 24-25, 2022, with two modifications to the timeline (to present Laurie Ross's retirement and WCC's Annual Convention report at the beginning). The motion carried unanimously.

7. SECRETARY'S MATTERS

A. Retirement Resolutions

4. Laurie J. Ross, Office of the Secretary, WI Natural Resources Board, 21 years
(0:06:30 – 0:13:34)

6. INFORMATION ITEMS (0:14:06 – 0:24:05)

- A. Congress Matters: 2022 advisory question summary and convention report
Presentation by Rob Bohmann, WCC Chair

2. CONSENT (0:24:06 – 0:24:26)

- A. Approval of brief of action from April 13, 2022
- B. The Friends of Blue Mound State Park donated \$17,900.00 to install a 7.2 kW DC Solar Array to be built on the shop roof at Blue Mound State Park in Iowa County, WI.
(Preston D. Cole, DNR Secretary)
- C. The Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin made two donations: 1) \$16,228 to support Rush Creek State Natural Area; and 2) \$17,600 to support Spur Lake SNA
(Preston D. Cole, DNR Secretary)
- D. Request that the Board authorize a preliminary public hearing and comment period for the Statement of Scope for Board Order WA-13-21, for proposed rules affecting chapters NR 500, 502, 542, and 544 related to statewide materials recycling and effective recycling programs
(Kate Strom Hiorns, Recycling and Solid Waste Section Chief)
- E. Request that the Board authorize a preliminary public hearing and comment period for the Statement of Scope for Board Order DG-02-22, for proposed rules creating chapter NR 854 related to statewide water supply service area planning for municipalities serving populations greater than 10,000 people
(Adam Freihoefer, Water Use Section Chief)
- F. Request that the Board authorize a preliminary public hearing and comment period for the Statement of Scope for Board Order DG-03-22, 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
(Adam Freihoefer, Water Use Section Chief)
- G. The Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin will donate \$67,500 to be used to support management of 11 State Natural Areas in the southwest and driftless regions of Crawford, Grant, Iowa, Richland and Sauk Counties: Arena Pines and Sand Barrens, Blue River Bluffs, Dewey Heights Prairie, Ferry Bluff, Gotham Jack Pine Prairie, Limery Ridge Savanna, Pecatonica River Woods, Ridgeway Pine Relict, Rush Creek, Snow Bottom and South Bluff.
(Preston D. Cole, DNR Secretary)

At 0:24:06, Dr. Prehn MOVED, seconded by Bill Smith, approval of the Consent Agenda and to acknowledge the donations. The motion carried unanimously.

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

4. ACTION ITEMS (0:24:35 – 1:25:02)

- A. Presentation of the 2021 Shikar Safari Club International Wildlife Officer of the Year Award (0:24:45 – 0:31:59) INFORMATION ONLY – NO ACTION
Staff presentation by Casey Krueger, Chief Conservation Warden
Written Comment: 0

Award Recipient: Lt. John Sinclair

SCOPE STATEMENTS (0:32:20 – 0:41:00)

- B. Request that the Board approve the Statement of Scope for Board Order WM-09-21 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 8, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, and 27 related to the 2021 Bureau of Wildlife Management housekeeping rule (0:32:20 – 0:35:35)
Staff presentation by Scott Karel, Regulation Policy Specialist, Bureau of Wildlife Management
Written Comment: 0

At 0:33:58, Terry Hilgenberg MOVED, seconded by Dr. Prehn, approval of the department's recommendation.

At 0:35:32, the motion carried unanimously.

- C. Request that the Board approve the Statement of Scope for Board Order DG-04-22 and conditionally approve the public hearing notice and notice of submittal of proposed rules to the Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse, for proposed rules affecting chapter NR 140 related to setting numerical standards to minimize the concentration of polluting substances in groundwater (Cycle 10 Bacteria) (0:35:45 – 0:40:45)
Staff presentation by Bruce Rheineck, Groundwater Section Chief
Written Comment: 0

At 0:39:29, Dr. Prehn MOVED, seconded by Bill Bruins, approval of the department's recommendation. At 0:40:39, the motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS (0:41:11 – 1:25:00)

- D. Elk herd update and approval of the 2022 elk season quotas. (0:41:00 – 1:14:09)
PowerPoint presentation by Josh Spiegel, Wildlife Biologist
Written Comment: 0

At 1:04:34, Dr. Prehn MOVED, seconded by Bill Bruins, approval of the department's recommendation. At 1:14:08, the motion carried unanimously.

- E. 1. Land Donation – Devil's Lake State Park – Sauk County
2. Land Donation – Glacial Habitat Restoration Area – Winnebago County
(1:14:21 – 1:25:00)

Staff presentation by Jim Lemke, Real Estate Section Chief
Written Comment: 0

At 1:24:40, Dr. Prehn MOVED, seconded by Marcy West, approval of the department's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

5. OPEN FORUM (1:25:49 – 1:28:45) **INFORMATION ONLY – NO ACTION**
Scott Pitta, Wisconsin Dells, representing self
Topic: The WCC Convention
6. INFORMATION ITEMS
 - B. Results of input on the Bureau of Wildlife Management's 2022 spring fish & wildlife meeting agenda of advisory questions (1:28:58 – 1:36:20)
Staff presentation by Scott Karel, Wildlife Policy Specialist
 - C. Summary of public input on Fisheries Management's advisory questions from the 2022 Spring Fish and Wildlife Hearings (1:36:40 – 1:39:40)
Staff presentation by Meredith Penthorn, Fisheries Policy Specialist
7. DEPARTMENT SECRETARY'S MATTERS (1:39:51 – 1:46:20)
 - A. RETIREMENT RECOGNITION (1:39:57 – 1:40:22)
 1. Julie A. Amakobe, Land and Facilities Management, 36 years
 2. John J. Arthur, Parks and Recreation, 32 years
 3. Kathleen A. Gruentzel, Parks and Recreation, 33 years
 4. Laurie J. Ross, Office of the Secretary, WI Natural Resources Board, 21 years
 5. Wendy L. Weihemuller, Remediation and Redevelopment, 36 years
 - B. DEPARTMENT SECRETARY'S MATTERS (1:40:48 – 1:40:52)
 1. Acts of the Department Secretary – Real Estate Transactions (1:40:48 – 1:40:52)
 2. Department Secretary's Matters
 - a. Sandra Dee Naas Report (1:41:03 – 1:46:13)
 3. Planning Status Update – None
8. BOARD MEMBERS' MATTERS (1:46:28 – 2:02:47)

Bill Bruins, at 1:46:30, spoke to mid-winter wolf count and requested an information item on it at the June meeting.

Terry Hilgenberg, at 1:47:35, spoke to CDACs and requested the DNR bring forward parameters for local CDACs to request the split of a county.

Marcy West, at 1:49:00, asked about an agenda item for an update about the Wildlife program restructuring? (Due to a point of order on public noticing, this item will be presented at the June meeting.)

Bill Smith, at 1:49:46, spoke about supporting Terry's request for information on parameters for county splits (re: CDAC) and talked about participating in Lincoln County Sports Club Day he was invited to.

Dr. Prehn, at 1:51:30, spoke to disconnect between DNR and well drillers and requested an update on that concern.

Chair Kazmierski, at 1:52:39, spoke to NRB Liaisons and requested continuing with Terry Hilgenberg acting as Real Estate Liaison, Dr. Prehn acting as Fish/Wildlife Liaison, and Bill Bruins acting as Water Liaison. Chair Kazmierski requested that the DNR will commit to open communication with DNR staff.

At 2:02:49, Bill Bruins MOVED, seconded by Bill Smith to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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