

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD**

**MINUTES**

A Climate Change seminar for the Natural Resources Board was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 in Room G09, State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2), Madison, Wisconsin. The seminar began at 1:35 p.m. and ended at 4:40 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 22, 2008**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Seminar
- 1.A. Air, Waste, and Water/Enforcement
- 1.A.1 Climate Change

**NOTE:** All presentations are available for viewing on the Department's website at:  
<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/nrboard/2008/April/04-22-08-Climate-Change-Seminar.htm>

**Al Shea**, DNR Air & Waste Administrator and moderator welcomed the Board, colleagues, and public to the seminar.

**Matt Frank**, DNR Secretary thanked the Board for scheduling this seminar on Earth Day. Climate Change is the greatest environmental challenge of our generation, an issue that dwarfs all the rest at the Department and is an issue that calls the Department to act. He stated we have a moral obligation to confront and deal with climate change. He addressed the need to work with other state agencies as policies are developed that reflect the will of the people.

**Overview of Climate Change: *News from a Warming Planet***

**Jonathan Foley**, Director, Center for Sustainability and the Global Environment, UW-Madison spoke on green house effects, global warming, and shifting weather patterns.

Discussion followed regarding impacts on natural resources and eco systems, crop production, and emission reduction strategies.

**How Climate Change May Affect Us: *The Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI)***

**Lewis Gilbert**, Interim Director, Nelson Institute, UW-Madison and **Jack Sullivan**, Director, Bureau of Science Services, Department of Natural Resources, both spoke on the history and institutional design of WICCI, adaptive strategies, projected climate changes, and the effects of climate change on our weather and natural resources

Discussion followed on climate changes to forestry and edge-of-range species, Managed Forest Land (MFL) management plans and long-term projections, endangered resources, and geographic shifts in plant species and wildlife.

**Mr. Ela** requested that over the next few years, WICCI give Board regular updates on this topic to include an overview on research funding.

**How We May Affect Climate Change: *The Midwest Governors Association Initiative***

**Eric Callisto**, Public Service Commission gave an overview of the Summit Platform and GHG (Greenhouse Gases) Accord to include the Midwest's strategic contributions, energy vulnerabilities, opportunities and challenges in renewal energy, and advisory groups.

Discussion followed on the definition of "observer" states and the difference between an observer and participant, cost of wind production, legislative process, National Cap and Trade Program, solar power, and a permitting and licensing process to encourage investment efficiency.

**How We May Affect Climate Change: *The Governor's Task Force on Global Warming***  
**Roy Thilly**, CEO, Wisconsin Public Power, Inc. and Task Force Co-Chair gave an overview on the Governor's Task Force including the process, where we are, obligations, recommendations, and key issues.

**Tia Nelson**, Executive Secretary, Board of Commissioners of Public Lands and Task Force Co-Chair reflected on the legacy of her father, Senator Gaylord Nelson. She then briefed the Board on GHG emissions, baseline GHG inventory for the forestry and agriculture sector, opportunities, environmental ethics, the changing ethics in Washington DC, and policy considerations.

Discussion followed on mandatory timber harvest and rotations, bio-fuels, reforestation, and sequestration in land in CRP vs. forestry.

**Mr. Shea** concluded the seminar program and stated that Department staff are revitalized and enthusiastic in the Board's interest in this topic.

**Mr. Frank** thanked everyone for attending the Seminar. He stated the Department has an important role in making a difference. He invited the Board and public to view the Earth week displays located in the front lobby, which were put together by the Department's green team.

\*\*\*The seminar ended at 4:40 p.m.\*\*\*

The regular meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 in Room G09, State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2), Madison, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. for action on items 1-7. The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. **Organizational Matters**

1.A. **Calling the roll**

David Clausen – present

Jonathan Ela – present

John Welter – present

Jane Wiley - present

Preston Cole – present

Gerald O'Brien – present

Christine Thomas – present

1.B. **Approval of agenda for April 23, 2008**

**Mr. Ela MOVED, seconded by Mr. O'Brien approval of the agenda for April 23, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Dr. Thomas** stated that this was Gerald O'Brien's final meeting as Board Member. She congratulated Mr. O'Brien on his years of service to the Department. She stated it is an honor to be a Natural Resources Board member and with that comes a responsibility to find a balance to the needs and wants of current and future users. He had served the citizens faithfully for this term. She said Mr. O'Brien had been a good mentor to her and thanked him for all his accomplishments. On behalf of the Board, she presented Mr. O'Brien with a plaque thanking him for his excellent service and commitment to the state's natural resources from May 1999 through April 2008.

**Matt Frank**, DNR Secretary thanked Mr. O'Brien on behalf of the Department and people of Wisconsin for making Wisconsin a better place. Mr. O'Brien is an important member of the community and has given a lot to the state. He stated a good strong Board is important to the state and thanked him for his years of service.

**Mr. O'Brien** said he enjoys watching loons near his property and thanked the Board for his wooden loon plaque. The friendships he has formed with staff and Board Members are enduring. Over the years he had gotten a chance to meet and know many people in the field. DNR workers are outstanding, dedicated, hardworking, and have been terrific to work with as well as past and current Board members. The Board has interesting problems facing them and they do a terrific job with the items that come through. He clarified that this is not just a policy Board but that this Board also supervises the Department. He thanked everyone for the wonderful experiences and the plaque.

1.C. Approval of minutes from February 26-27, 2008

**Mr. Ela MOVED, seconded by Mr. O'Brien approval of the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

2. Ratification of Acts of the Department Secretary

2.A. Real Estate Transactions

**Dr. Clausen MOVED, seconded by Mr. Welter approval of the real estate transactions. The motion carried unanimously.**

3. Action Items

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

3.A.1 Presentation of citizen award – Wisconsin Ethical Hunter Award for 2007

**Steve Dewald**, Warden Team Supervisor presented Dennis Carothers Sr. of Edgerton, Wisconsin with the Wisconsin Ethical Hunter Award for ethical behavior that serves as a positive example for all hunters in the state of Wisconsin.

**Mr. Carothers** stated he is honored to receive the award and thanked the Board and Department for the outdoor opportunities he has enjoyed over the years.

**Presentation – No Board Action was taken.**

3.A.2 Request adoption of Board Order AM-23-07A, proposed rules affecting chs. NR 404 and 484 pertaining to ambient air quality standards for particulate matter

**Larry Bruss**, Section Chief, Regional Pollutants and Mobile Sources Section, Air Management Bureau stated the proposed rule revisions are needed to make Wisconsin's ambient air quality standards the same as the federal NAAQS, as required under s.285.21(1)(a), stats. Consequently, the Department has limited flexibility to make any changes to these proposed rule revisions. These revisions pertain to ambient air quality standards, which contain no requirements for reporting, bookkeeping, schedules, or other compliance procedures. The proposed rules would repeal the ambient air standard for annual PM10 from ch. NR 404, WI Administrative Code and the corresponding monitoring requirements incorporated by reference in ch. NR 484, WI Administrative Code. This rule would also adopt the EPA-promulgated NAAQS for PM2.5 into ch. NR 404, WI Administrative Code and incorporate by reference the corresponding federal PM2.5 monitoring requirements into ch. NR 484, WI Administrative Code. Mr. Bruss requested the Board approve adoption of this rule.

Discussion followed on total suspended particulates (TSP) and a request that the Department should not move too quickly on this issue.

**Dr. Clausen MOVED, seconded by Mr. Ela approval of the request for adoption of Board Order AM-23-07A, proposed rules affecting chs. NR 404 and 484 pertaining to ambient air Quality standards for particulate matter. The motion carried unanimously.**

3.A.3 ~~Amendment of Adopted Permanent Rule Revisions to NR 320, NR 323, NR 328, NR 329, NR 341, NR 343, NR 345 Wisconsin Administrative Code relating to invasive species decontamination standards~~ **DELETED**

3.A.4 Request authorization for hearings for Board Order WT-09-08, revisions to NR 198 relating to Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grants  
**Carroll Schaal**, Lakes Team Leader, Fisheries Management and Habitat Protection Bureau was the presenter for this agenda item. The Board approved this item without staff presentation or discussion.

**Mr. Cole MOVED, seconded by Mr. O'Brien approval of the request for authorization for hearings for Board Order WT-09-08, revisions to NR 198 relating to Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grants. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

3.B.1 Request Adoption of Board Order WM-05-08 relating to deer hunting and the management of chronic wasting disease (CWD)

**Alan Crossley**, Wildlife Biologist, South Central Region stated this proposed rule addresses a number of the recommendations in the Stakeholder Advisory Group final report that advance the goal of containing CWD. The Department has evaluated those recommendations that require a rule change in this proposed order. In response to public comment received, the Department proposes withdrawing the rule change to allow the shooting of deer from a farm tractor or implement of husbandry in the CWD Management Zone. He requested the Board approve Board Order WM-05-08, modifications to chapters NR 10, 12, and 19, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

#### **Public Appearances**

1. **Steve Gehrke**, Platteville, representing himself, pre-registered but did not speak.
2. **Lee Swanson**, Cross Plains, representing himself spoke in favor of the rule.

**Secretary Frank** thanked Mr. Swanson for all he has done for the state.

3. **Ed Harvey**, Waldo, representing the Wisconsin Conservation Congress spoke in support of the rule with some exceptions. The Congress did not support the expanded use of rifles through the entire herd reduction zone and stated this should be returned to the counties.
4. **Greg Kazmierski**, Waukesha, representing the Safari Club International, pre-registered but did not speak.

**Mr. Cole MOVED, seconded by Ms. Wiley approval of the request for Adoption of Board Order WM-05-08 relating to deer hunting and the management of chronic wasting disease (CWD).**

Discussion followed regarding goal setting concerns and motivating hunters.

**Dr. Clausen MOVED to amend the rule to include following language: "If after two consecutive seasons with management goals as established in subd. 1., the Department determines it is necessary to adjust the goals to control the spread of CWD in deer, the Department may lower the goals for units in the CWD management zone to 5 to 10 deer per square mile of deer range. The adjusted goals shall become effective upon issuance of an order by the Secretary of the Department and publication in the state official newspaper. In addition, a notice of the order shall be provided to newspapers, legislators, and hunting license outlets in the area affected."**

Discussion followed on revisiting the goal statement in two years, and the critical need to reduce the deer herd.

**Secretary Frank** stated it is very difficult to eradicate a disease in a roaming wildlife population. There is a need to be objective and the Department recognizes that. This policy is not a complete failure. The Department has been able to contain CWD. The Department needs to set realistic goals with Board, hunter support, and ultimately legislative support. All are intertwined. He would like to give staff time to take a fresh look at this and then come back before the Board.

Discussion followed on whether the disease has been contained and long range plans.

**Secretary Frank** stated staff will come back to the Board later this year and will keep the Board informed. A comprehensive statewide plan with long-term goals is needed. He noted this is a long term issue.

Discussion followed on eradicating CWD, containment of the disease, the tuberculosis threat to agriculture, and the need to be proactive in taking action.

**Dr. Clausen withdrew his amendment.**

**Dr. Clausen MOVED, seconded by Ela to amend the request to include “After the 2009 season, the Department shall evaluate the goals established in subd. 1 to determine if they need to be adjusted to control the spread of CWD in deer.”**

Discussion followed on population goals.

**The amendment carried unanimously.**

**Ms. Wiley MOVED to table April agenda item 3.B.1 until after April agenda 3.B.2 was completed.**

**Ms. Wiley’s motion was not seconded and failed.**

Discussion followed on the Wisconsin Conservation Congress voting at the spring hearings.

**Mr. Ela** requested staff number each page of the green sheet package.

Discussion followed on spring hearing locations, the holiday season deer hunt, and reporting back to Board on the success of the 2008 structure and a recommendation to continue or change it.

**The original motion as amended carried unanimously.**

3.B.2 Request Approval of department recommendations for the 2008 deer hunting season structure and antlerless deer quotas

**Keith Warnke**, Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Management Bureau stated the Department annually recommends deer season frameworks in management units where standard hunting seasons will not reduce the population to established goals. The recommendations contained in this order are for units that are not in a CWD management area. He requested the Department adopt these recommendations to the order.

Discussion followed on maintaining population goals.

**Public Appearances**

1. **Jane Severt**, Merrill, representing WI County Forests Association (HANDOUT) spoke in support of this rule.
2. **Lee Swanson**, Cross Plains, representing himself spoke in support of this rule.

3. **Don Waller**, Madison, representing himself spoke in support of this rule.
4. **George Meyer**, Poynette, representing the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation spoke in support of this rule. He recommended that the Department expand the Food Pantry Program.
5. **Jamie Nack**, Fall River, representing the Wisconsin Chapter of the Wildlife Society spoke in support of this rule.
6. **Eugene Roark**, Madison, representing the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association spoke in support of this rule.
7. **Greg Kazmierski**, Waukesha, representing the Safari Club International stated hunters oppose the unreasonable regulations of October T-Zone and Earn-A-Buck and spoke against the rule.

Discussion followed on the status of the WI Deer Hunters Coalition. Mr. Kazmierski said it no longer existed.

8. **Tom Thoresen**, Fitchburg, representing the Association of Retired Conservationists spoke in support of this rule.
9. **Rich Kirchmeyer**, Prentice, representing the Wisconsin Bowhunters Association spoke against the early firearm season during the 9 days of the late archery season. He added they do support the youth hunt in early October.
10. **Paul Zimmerman**, Prairie du Sac, representing Wisconsin Farm Bureau spoke in support of the rule.

Discussion followed on baiting and feeding.

11. **Mike Christianson**, Oshkosh, representing Safari Club International stated they paid for an ad in the Wisconsin Outdoor News with a resolution to eliminate the unreasonable regulations of Earn-A-Buck and the October T-Zone hunt. He spoke against the rule.

**Secretary Frank** and **Dr. Thomas** thanked the Oshkosh West Woods and Waters Hunting Club for attending the meeting and for their interest in hunting and conservation.

12. **Shahla Werner**, Madison, representing the Wisconsin Chapter - Sierra Club spoke in support of the rule.
13. **Richard Ketelboeter**, Lodi, representing himself spoke against the October deer season and spoke against the baiting of deer. He then stated that the Department dug up roads at the end of the Meadow Valley area and now hunters cannot get in to hunt except on foot.
14. **David Vogt**, Fitchburg, representing the Bicycle Federation of WI and WI Off-Road Bicycling Association spoke against the October deer hunt and that hunting areas should be limited to areas not used by bicyclists.
15. **Steve Gevaert**, Green Bay, representing the WI Deer Hunters Association did not speak before the Board
16. **Mark Noll**, Alma, representing the Wisconsin Conservation Congress spoke in support of the rule.

**Secretary Frank** congratulated Ed Harvey in his recent re-election as Chair of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress. He stated the Department has enjoyed working with Mr. Harvey and looks forward to working with him in the future.

17. **Ed Harvey**, Waldo, representing the Wisconsin Conservation Congress stated the Big Game Committee voted 11-7 in support of the rule.

**Dr. Clausen MOVED, seconded by Mr. Welter approval of the request for approval of department recommendations for the 2008 deer hunting season structure and antlerless deer quotas.**

Discussion followed on the December and October hunts, hunting pressure in the southern part of Wisconsin, deer density data on private and public lands, and the effects of deer on forest resources.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

- 3.B.3 Request Adoption of Board Order FH-42-07, revisions to NR 20 and 21 relating to hook and line lake sturgeon fishing

**Karl Scheidegger**, Warmwater Rivers Management Biologist spoke in place of Mike Staggs. He stated the Department proposes to increase the minimum length limit to 60" on all inland waters and the lower St. Croix River and reduce the season by two weeks to the first Saturday in September to September 30. The uniform regulation proposal is intended for all inland waters and the WI/MN boundary waters to minimize concerns about angler displacement. The reduced season length will eliminate the late-season harvest and allow a more concentrated effort of enforcement by conservation warden staff. He requested the Board adopt Board Order FH-42-07.

**Mr. Cole MOVED, seconded by Mr. O'Brien approval of the request for Adoption of Board Order FH-42-07, revisions to NR 20 and 21 relating to hook and line lake sturgeon fishing. The motion carried unanimously.**

- 3.B.4 Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest ATV Trail Alternatives and Recommendation

**Steve Petersen**, State Forest Superintendent stated that the public has demonstrated through this process that they care deeply about the NHAL State Forest. The public is strongly divided with respect to ATV recreation on public lands, particularly where ATV trails are not already established. Establishing either of the trails as presented would displace current users to some degree and change the character of the property. Given the level of existing use in the area that would be affected by the Oneida/Vilas trail and the very strong opposition to ATVs on public land in this area of the forest, particularly in Vilas County, the Department recommended to the Board that the Oneida/Vilas trail not be considered further. The Department is concerned about the potential for adverse ecological impact from the development of this trail, the high cost per-mile to develop it, and the on-going maintenance and enforcement challenges that would result. The Department recommended to the Board that neither Iron County trail option be considered further. The Department remains fully committed to working with partners to improve existing ATV trail opportunities and to expand opportunities in Wisconsin to address the demand for an increasing popular form of outdoor recreation.

**Public Appearances:**

1. **Jane Severt**, Merrill, representing WI County Forests Association (HANDOUT) requested the Department offer some form of ATV recreation in some areas of the NH-AL.
2. **Mike Peterson**, Spooner, representing WI County Forests Association (WCFA) requested the Department offer multi-use trails in the NH-AL. He offered the WCFA expertise to the Board and Department.
3. **Frank Splitt**, Mount Prospect, IL, representing himself stated that the ban on the use of ATVs in the Northern Highlands-American Legion State Forest should be made permanent.

4. **Sue Drum**, Presque Isle, representing herself (HANDOUT) spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.
5. **Alan Drum**, Presque Isle, representing himself spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.
6. **Mike McFadzen**, Greenbush, representing the Wisconsin Nordic Network (exchanged places with Waalen #18) spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.
7. **Peter Grunwald**, Cambridge, representing himself (HANDOUT) spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.
8. **Jeff Rubsam**, Lake Tomahawk, representing himself (HANDOUT) spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.
9. **John Kuczkowski**, Lac du Flambeau, representing himself spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.
10. **John Bates**, Manitowish, representing himself spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.
11. **Chris Wise**, Sayner spoke on behalf of Kathryn Drew, Star Lake, representing self (HANDOUT) spoke in support of the Department's recommendations.
12. **Dave Vogt**, Presque Isle, representing himself spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.
13. **Robert Pierce**, Madison, representing himself spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.

**Dr. Thomas** thanked speakers for traveling hours in order to appear before the Board

14. **Diane Muri**, Boulder Junction, representing herself spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.
15. **John Aldridge**, Boulder Junction, representing himself spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.
16. **Joel Patenaud**, Waupaca, representing Silent Sports Magazine spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.
17. **Bill Sloey**, Star Lake, representing himself (HANDOUT) spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.
18. **Brook Waalen**, Luck, representing self (exchanged places with McFadzen #6) spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.
19. **Richard Olson**, Madison, representing himself (HANDOUT) spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.
20. **Joe Heitz**, Merrill, representing himself requested the Department follow the guidelines within the NH-AL Master Plan.
21. **Nancy Atwater**, Star Lake, representing herself spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.

22. **Mark Haag**, Boulder Junction, representing himself spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.
23. **Jeff Richter**, Mercer, representing himself spoke in support of the Department's recommendation. He is a wildlife photographer and shared his art with the Board.
24. **Al Eschenbauch**, Presque Isle, representing The Last Wilderness Conservation Association spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.
25. **David Vogt**, Fitchburg, representing the Bicycle Federation of WI and WI Off-Road Bicycling Association spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.
26. **Susan Knight**, Arbor Vitae, representing herself spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.
27. **Sheehan Donoghue**, Sayner, representing Plum Lake Riparian Homeowners Association spoke in support of the Department's recommendation.

**Mr. Welter MOVED, seconded by Ms. Wiley approval of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest ATV Trail Alternatives and Recommendation.**

Discussion followed regarding the stakeholders group and other matters.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Ela MOVED, seconded by Dr. Clausen that the Natural Resources Board commends and thanks the NH-AL Stakeholder Group for its dedicated efforts to analyze potential routes for ATV trails on the property. The work of this group has helped the Board reach a more informed policy decision. The motion carried unanimously**

3.B.5 Request authorization for public hearing on Board Order FR-12-08, amending subchapter VI in NR 47 related to county forest administration grant program

**Jeff Barkley**, County Forests Specialist stated this proposed change makes eligible for cost-sharing, a county's dues to a non-profit organization that represents the collective interests of counties in the county forest program and that serves as an organizational liaison to the Department. The total amount that the Department may award in funding for this portion of the grant cannot exceed \$50,000 annually. The remainder of the grant is unchanged, providing for up to 50% of the cost of a county forest administrator's salary and benefits so long as the benefits do not exceed more than 40% of the salary. This grant program has been instrumental in encouraging counties to hire professionally qualified staff to administer their county forests and has facilitated the ability of the program to become green-certified. He requested the Board approve authorization for public hearing.

**Mr. Welter MOVED, seconded by Dr. Clausen adoption of the request for authorization for public hearing on Board Order FR-12-08, amending subchapter VI in NR 47 related to county forest administration grant program. The motion carried unanimously.**

3.B.6 Land Donation – Statewide Wildlife Habitat – Chippewa County

**Mr. Cole MOVED, seconded by Dr. Clausen approval of Land Donation – Statewide Wildlife Habitat – Chippewa County. The motion carried unanimously.**

3.B.7 Reconsideration of the request for adoption of Emergency Board Order FH-07-08(E), related to proposed trout regulations in the Prairie River, Lincoln County

**Dr. Thomas** stated this item is back on the agenda since the motion made at the February 2008 meeting did not clarify if this item was to go before the Board in April “if passed locally” or “if passed statewide” at the 2008 Spring hearings.

**Mike Staggs**, Director, Fisheries and Habitat Bureau stated that this rule was presented at the 2008 spring rules hearings with additional biological data included. Hearing attendees in Lincoln County and neighboring Taylor and Marathon counties rejected the proposal to have restrictive trout regulations in place on this section of the Prairie River. Hearing attendees in neighboring Oneida and Langlade counties favored the more restrictive regulation option as did hearing attendees statewide. No recommendation was given to the Board.

Discussion followed regarding if this is a local or statewide issue, the lack of a Department recommendation, access to river, difficulty in posting and enforcing regulations after publication, population estimates, and the recommendation of fish manager.

**Public Appearances:**

1. **Ed Harvey**, Waldo, representing the Wisconsin Conservation Congress stated 47 counties voted in favor of the question and 25 counties opposed it. In Lincoln county, 36 voted yes and 135 voted no. He asked the Board to not put an emergency rule in place until the Lincoln county delegation had the last option of reversing that state vote on the floor. He noted the WCC will be before the Board again in May.

NOTE: In accordance with s. 15.348, Wis. Stats., the Wisconsin Conservation Congress shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Natural Resources Board on all matters under the jurisdiction of the Board, and therefore is uniquely granted the permission to address the Board on any agenda items. **No other public testimony was accepted.**

Discussion followed on this not being a Congress advisory question and the effects the WCC recommendation.

**Mr. Harvey** stated this is a renewable resource which can be rebuilt.

Discussion followed regarding this being a local issue and if this began as an evaluation or management objective.

**Dr. Clausen MOVED, seconded by Mr. Welter approval of the reconsideration of the request for adoption of Emergency Board Order FH-07-08(E), related to proposed trout regulations in the Prairie River, Lincoln County.**

**Mr. O’Brien moved the question.**

**Mr. Welter requested additional time.**

**Mr. O’Brien asked that additional discussion be brief.**

Discussion followed on if this river watershed is a water of statewide significance, the need for a diversity of fishing opportunities in the state, and how neighboring counties voted.

**Ms. Wiley moved the question.**

**The motion failed on a roll call vote of 2-5.**

**David Clausen – yes**

**Preston Cole - no**

**Jonathan Ela – no**

**Gerald O’Brien - no**

**John Welter – yes**

**Christine Thomas - no**

**Jane Wiley - no**

4. Citizen Participation – 1:00 p.m.

4.A. Citizen Participation

**Public Appearances**

1. **Carol Rittenhouse**, Plymouth, representing C.A. Rittenhouse, LLC and WI's Ethnic Settlement Trail, Inc. (WEST) Topic: WEST and Rittenhouse are applying for additional rule to be written and/or variance in the ground water rules because issues of education and history are not included.

She requested the Board direct the proper persons to add a clause or paragraph including the words "education" and "history" to its administrative rules. She stated this would make possible a variance which will impact saving a dug well from the territorial period in Sheboygan County.

5. Board Members' Matters

5.A. Committee Assignments

None

**Dr. Clausen** requested a feasibility study be done for Ottawa-Paradise Valley in Waukesha County.

**Mr. Cole** requested a demographic breakdown of DNR permanent staff workforce to be focused on minorities and females.

**Dr. Thomas** requested staff to brief her on the process of how her turkey question that passed at the spring hearings would progress to a rule.

6. Special Committees' Reports

None.

7. Department Secretary's Matters

7.A. Retirement Resolutions

7.A.1 James J. Janowak

7.A.2 David Hantz

7.A.3 Charles Burney

7.A.4 Daniel Joyce

7.A.5 Sherryle M. Koeppe

7.A.6 Richard A. Kalnicky

7.A.7 William C. Jaeger

**Mr. Welter MOVED, seconded by Mr. Cole approval of the retirement resolutions. The motion carried unanimously.**

7.B. Donations

7.B.1 The Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin will donate \$21,160 for the Wisconsin State Park System's Junior Ranger/Wisconsin Explorer program

**Charlie Luthin**, Executive Director of the Natural Resources Foundation stated the Foundation's gift of \$21,106 is to support the production and printing of two publications. He also stated additional monetary donations will be forthcoming at the May Board meeting. He apologized for the embarrassment surrounding invitations to the dedication of the Millville Unit, a Natural Resources Foundation planned event in honor of Paul Brandt, without having consulted the NRB about the dedication. The dedication is scheduled for May 20 at Wyalusing State Park.

**Mr. Ela MOVED, seconded by Dr. Clausen approval of the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin donation of \$21,160 for the Wisconsin State Park System's Junior Ranger/Wisconsin Explorer program. The motion carried unanimously.**

- 7.B.2 The Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin will donate 2 - \$750 Besadny Grants for the Invasive Plants of the Future Program  
**David Ladd**, Natural Resources Foundation Board Member briefed the Board on the history of the Besadny program. He then presented the checks to Secretary Frank.

**Dr. Clausen MOVED, seconded by Mr. Ela approval of the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin donation of 2 - \$750 Besadny Grants for the Invasive Plants of the Future Program. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. O'Brien MOVED, seconded by Mr. Ela approval of donations 7.B.3 (the Margaret Van Alstyne donation of \$10,000 to support the whooping crane restorations project), 7.B.4 (the Friends of Horicon Marsh International Education Center donation of \$9,000 to support an existing FY08 wildlife education LTE position), 7.B.5 (the Friends of Mead-McMillan Association, Inc. donation of \$5,808 to support an existing LTE position for education duties at the Stanton Mead Education and Visitor Center), and 7.B.6 (the Terry Kohler donation of \$5,000 for the Wisconsin Trumpeter Swan Recovery Program). The motion carried unanimously.**

- 7.B.3 Margaret Van Alstyne will donate \$10,000 to support the whooping crane restoration project
- 7.B.4 The Friends of Horicon Marsh International Education Center will donate \$9,000 to support an existing FY08 wildlife education LTE position
- 7.B.5 The Friends of Mead-McMillan Association, Inc. will donate \$5,808 to support an existing LTE position for education duties at the Stanton Mead Education and Visitor Center
- 7.B.6 Terry Kohler will donate \$5,000 for the Wisconsin Trumpeter Swan Recovery Program

7.C. Dedication

- 7.C.1 Dedicating the Millville Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway in honor of Paul Brandt  
**Eric Lobner**, Regional Program Manager stated that the intent of this dedication is to honor the significant contributions that Paul made to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources both throughout his professional career as a WDNR wildlife biologist as well as the bequest from his estate following his death. The intent of the Department is to add a portion to the existing sign on the property, install a stone monument near the parking lot, dedicate a hiking trail, and place a bench with a monument near the top of the bluff.

Discussion following regarding the confusion associated with the invitation and green sheet.

**Dedication – no action was taken by the Board.**

8. Information Items
- 8.A. Air, Waste, and Water/Enforcement  
None
- 8.B. Land Management, Recreation, and Fisheries/Wildlife  
None

**Dr. Clausen MOVED, seconded by Ms. Wiley to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

\*\*\*The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.\*\*\*

**NOTE: Each Natural Resources Board meeting is recorded. Tapes of each meeting are available for purchase by contacting the Natural Resources Board at 608-267-7420. The following resources are also available: Agenda Item Packets (green sheets), supporting documents, and public comment.**