WEEB Development Committee and Wisconsin Environmental Education Foundation, Inc (WEEF) Report and Operational Plan 7/13/2005

Major Outcome: Regeneration of funding for general EE program

Two task forces were established October 2002 in response to the loss of the \$200K general EE support from GPR.

- A. Task force for reinstatement of GPR funds and/or alternative state funding
- B. Task force for private fundraising campaign, now evolved into the WEEF.

A. Strategic plan for regeneration of state funding for general EE program

Task Force Members: Robin Harris and Randy Champeau (co chairs), Senator Neal Kedzie, Senator Mark Miller, Bill Neuhaus, Vance Rayburn,

1. Reinstatement of \$200,000 GPR funds.

DEFERRED indefinitely because of State budget crisis.

2. Alternative state funding.

DEFERRED pending a green light from WEEB's legislators

a. Environmental Fines – highest priority

Based on work during Winter 2002/03 through Spring 2004, three alternate bills drafted by then Representative Mark Miller following discussions with DNR Secretaries Daryll Bazell (12/16/02) and Scott Hassett (1/23/03) are available for reactivation: i) increase surcharge from 10% to 20%, 50:50 split with DNR as now; ii) increase from 10% to 15%, all increase to WEEB; iii) increase from 10% to 20%, all increase to WEEB.

- b. Littering Fines high priority.
- c. EE License Plate Fund medium priority.
- d. Bottle Charge medium priority.
- e. Plastic bag fee low priority
- f. State Income Tax Check Off Option low priority.
- g. Deer Feeding Fine low priority

B. Wisconsin Environmental Education Foundation, Inc (WEEF)

2005 Directors and Officers: Robin Harris (President), Jim Gibson (Vice President), Janet Brandt (Secretary), Mike Krysiak (Treasurer), Pat Marinac, David Wisnefske, vacancy.

1. Continuing connection to WEEB

- a. <u>Board of Directors</u>. WEEB Chair (Bylaw IV2a); WEEB elects other Directors (Bylaw IV2b)
- b. Annual report to WEEB. WEEF President or designee (Bylaw IV5)

2. WEEF July 12-05 Meeting

- a. Director vacancy (complete remainder of two year term). Possible candidates
- b. Future plans