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Republicans have turned the Natural Resources Board into a political swamp

(MADISON)—Today, Senator Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) issued the following statement regarding information that has been brought to light about coordination between Natural Resources Board Chair Dr. Frederick Prehn, lobbyists, and Republican officials to undemocratically maintain control over the NRB:

“Dr. Prehn insists that everyone calling for him to step down and allow Governor Evers’ nominee to take their place on the Natural Resources Board is politically motivated.

“Now we know why Dr. Prehn has been quick to label others as political—because he has been coordinating with Republican politicians and lobbyists to maintain control over the NRB so that they can deny the consent of the governed and influence Wisconsin’s environmental policies. These conspirators have broken the public trust in nonpartisan oversight of the DNR, which is what the Natural Resources Board was intended to provide.

“Dr. Prehn is acting as a tool of the Republican Party in their ongoing effort to undermine citizen-led control of our state. This behavior is some of the most disgraceful that we have seen in Wisconsin in years.”

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