

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

Item No. 6.B.1.

SUBJECT: Donation acceptance – The Andrew F. Bell and Edith M. Bell Charitable Trust

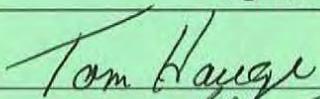
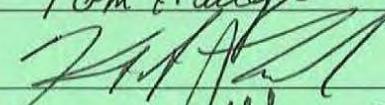
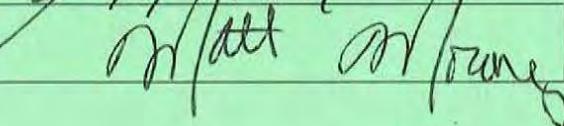
The Andrew F. Bell and Edith M. Bell Charitable Trust will donate \$19,304.50 to the Bureau of Wildlife Management. This donation will be used to fund activities associated with wetland habitat.

FOR: August 2014 Board meeting**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Secretary Stepp**SUMMARY:**

The Andrew F. Bell and Edith M. Bell Charitable Trust will donate \$19,304.50 to the Bureau of Wildlife Management.

The Bureau of Wildlife Management plans to use this donation of \$19,304.50, for wetland habitat research and training. The Wildlife Policy Team approved priorities for Bell Charitable Trust funds. Those priorities are wetland habitat research and staff training. The money is also available to address emergency needs of "once-in-a-lifetime" habitat restoration opportunities for which other funding is unavailable. To date we have been able to use these funds to support a multi-year blue-winged teal study, three wetland habitat management workshops, a waterfowl survey and habitat monitoring within the Glacial Habitat Restoration Area, and an emergency repair of a water control structure at Eldorado Marsh Wildlife Area.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the generous donation of \$19,304.50 to the Bureau of Wildlife Management from The Andrew F. Bell and Edith M. Bell Charitable Trust

Approved by	Signature	Date
Tom Hauge, BWM, Bureau Director		7/3/14
Kurt Thiede, Administrator		7/7/14
Cathy Stepp, Secretary		7/16/14

cc: Board Liaison - AD/8
Department rule coordinator – LS/8

Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its August 2014 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$19,304.50 to the Bureau of Wildlife Management from:

The Andrew F. Bell and Edith M. Bell Charitable Trust

This donation will be used to fund activities associated with wetland habitat.

Our expression of appreciation on behalf of Wisconsin's citizens is hereby recorded in the official records of the Natural Resources Board. We acknowledge this generous contribution.

Natural Resources Board

Preston D. Cole, Chair