

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: MASTERCRAFT INDUSTRIES, INC. WILL DONATE \$28,000 FOR HARDWOOD TREE PLANTING ON WISCONSIN STATE LANDS FROM 2008 THROUGH 2010

FOR: MARCH 2008 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Mastercraft Industries, Inc. from Rice Lake, Wisconsin is interested in providing financial assistance to support tree planting and regeneration needs on State lands to sustain Wisconsin's forests.

As agreed upon in a Memorandum of Understanding, the Department will plant and care for approximately 18,000 forest tree seedlings annually in 2008, 2009, and 2010. A priority has been placed on hardwood tree species, with a goal of 100% hardwood plantings. The Department will decide and provide for the sound management of the forest tree seedlings as deemed appropriate by Department foresters.

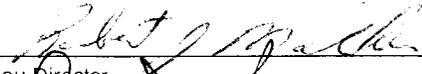
This is a new donation of \$28,000, and a new gift account will be established.

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the donation of \$28,000 from Mastercraft Industries, Inc.

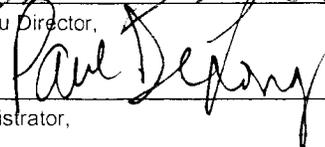
LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

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| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Background Memo | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

APPROVED:


Bureau Director,

2/14/08
Date


Administrator,

2/14/08
Date

Secretary, Matt Frank

Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5

Person the donation certificate should be mailed to: Kristin Shy, CO, FR/4.

DATE: February 12, 2008

FILE REF: Mastercraft Green Sheet

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Bob Mather FR/4

SUBJECT: Mastercraft Industries, Inc. Donation for Tree Plantings, Conflict of Interest

Mastercraft Industries, Inc. is a cabinet making company based out of Rice Lake, Wisconsin. They are interested in sustaining Wisconsin's forests by providing financial assistance to support tree planting and regeneration needs on State lands. Their donation of approximately \$28,000 over three years (2008, 2009, and 2010) will be used by the Department to plant and care for 18,000 forest tree seedlings annually on State lands, with a goal of 100% hardwood plantings.

Currently, Mastercraft Industries, Inc. has two air permits issued by the Department. One of the permits is related to construction and the other is a federal operating permit. There are no current compliance issues based on their reporting and the last inspection done in 2006 by John Dague, Air Management Engineer.

Because Mastercraft Industries, Inc. is currently operating in compliance with their two permits, and has no direct connection to the Division of Forestry or the Department for any other reason, there is no conflict of interest in accepting this gift donation.

Acknowledgment Of Gift

This is to certify that at its March 2008 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$28,000 from

Mastercraft Industries, Inc.

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

Christine Thomas, CHAIR

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

The State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

And

Mastercraft Industries, Inc.

This memorandum of understanding is made and entered into by and between the State Department of Natural Resources, hereinafter, referred to as the Department and Mastercraft Industries, Inc. hereinafter referred to as the Cooperator, under authority of Section 28.07 Wisconsin Statutes: and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto are jointly interested and desire to cooperate in sustaining Wisconsin's forest by ensuring adequate regeneration for managed forests and establishing new forests on appropriate lands, and

WHEREAS, the Department has land that is managed to provide forest products for current and future generations, and

WHEREAS, the Cooperator is committed to the principles of sustainable forestry and willing to provide financial assistance to support tree planting and regeneration needs on State lands,

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree that:

FIRST, the Department will plant and care for 18,000 forest tree seedlings annually, with a priority placed on hardwood tree species with a goal of 100% hardwood plantings.

SECOND, the Department will decide and provide for the sound forest management of the forest tree seedlings as deemed appropriate by Department foresters.

THIRD, the Cooperator will provide financial support for annually planting and caring for 18,000 forest tree seedlings on Department lands.

FOURTH, the financial support will be based on the average statewide cost to plant and maintain plantings for three years. The cost is estimated at \$0.47 per forest tree seedling (2007), not to exceed ten percent (10%) increase annually.

FIFTH, a gift account will be established

SIXTH, the Cooperator requests that the program includes broadening the scope of this plan to contain a certain percentage of planting is done with hardwood species as part of the overall agreement.

It is the intent of both parties that this agreement remains in effect for the next three years, 2008, 2009 and 2010, at which time, the agreement will be revisited.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have excited the Memorandum of Understanding the _____ day of _____.

STATE DEPARTMENT
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

Mastercraft Industries, Inc.

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

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