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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.B.1

SUBJECT: The Navarino Nature Center, Inc. will donate a "Green" building addition to the current nature center valued at $623,943.00

FOR: OCTOBER **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

The Navarino Nature Center Inc.(NNC) is planning to construct a green addition to the current nature center valued at $623,943.00. NNC provides natural resource education through a lease agreement on DNR lands in Shawano Co to over 10,000 individuals yearly. NNC provides all the funding for 2 staff members and the operation of their current nature center. The lease and friends agreements with DNR authorize NNC to provide this educational outdoor experience consistent with DNR's mission.

NNC worked hard to obtain the following donations, which comprise their donation to the Department in the form of an expansion of the current facility and upgrades that incorporate 'green' design principles.

$11,000 Natural Resource Foundation
$30,000 Focus on Energy
$125,000 Townships of Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca Counties
$40,000 WE Energies
$40,000 Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant
$200,000 County of Shawano
$117,943 Donations Directly from the public and local Conservation Organizations
$69,000 Donations by contractors in- kind

Total Contributions on Navarino Wildlife Area: $623,943

RECOMMENDATION: Accept and acknowledge the contribution of $623,943.00 from the Navarino Nature Center's donors toward the expansion of their current Nature Center located on DNR lands.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

No	☑	Fiscal Estimate Required	Yes ☐	Attached
No	☑	Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required	Yes ☐	Attached
No	☑	Background Memo	Yes ☐	Attached

APPROVED:

Ronald Kazmierczak — 9/19/08
Regional Director, — Date

Administrator, — Date

Secretary, Matt Frank — 10/6/08
Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8

Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its October 2008 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of the environmentally 'green' addition and upgrade to the Navarino Nature Center from

Navarino Nature Center, Inc.

The efforts that the membership of NNC, Inc. have made in gathering donations of cash and labor in the amount of $623,943.00 is truly remarkable and appreciated by this Board, the Department of Natural Resources, and the citizens of Wisconsin. This gift will further the education of all ages in the management of natural resources.

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