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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.B.4

SUBJECT: The Friends of Horicon Marsh International Educaiton Center, Inc will donate a 2009 John Deere "Gator" valued at $11,000 to the wildlife education program at Horicon Marsh.

FOR: OCTOBER 2008 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Frank

SUMMARY:

The following is a summary of the Friends Group donation of a John Deere Gator.

The Friends of Horicon Marsh International Education Center, Inc. presented a 2009 John Deere "Gator" to the wildlife education program at Horicon Marsh on August 14th. This equipment has been designated for use in trail and grounds maintenance at the new education center. This is a top-end model with power dump and 4-wheel drive and was made available through Ballweg Implement of Beaver Dam in cooperation with John Deere.

Jerry Voy, president of the Friends Group and retired supervisor from the John Deere Horicon Works, made the arrangements to have this equipment made available for DNR use. The Friends Group paid $8,000 to the dealer who donated his profit, providing us with a piece of equipment valued at $11,000.

The wildlife education program will be responsible for maintenance of the Education Center grounds and hiking trail system at Horicon Marsh. With this donation property management equipment (separate from the Education Center and hiking trail system) can remain dedicated to that purpose and the Education Center grounds and hiking trail system can be routinely maintained using the John Deere Gator.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Natural Resoures Board accept the Friends of Horicon Marsh's generous donation of a John Deere "Gator" valued at $11,000

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:

Tom Hauge — Date 9/15/08
Bureau Director, Tom Hauge, Wildlife Management

Laurie Osterndorf — Date 9/15/08
Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf, Land Division

Secretary, Matt Frank — Date 10/6/08

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Acknowledgment Of Gift

This is to certify that at its October 2008 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of a John Deere "Gator" valued at $11,000 from

The Friends Of Horicon Marsh

to be used for maintenance of the Education Center grounds and hiking trail system at Horicon Marsh.

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