

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Polar Bears International will donate \$12,036.56 for reforestation purposes in Wisconsin

FOR: AUGUST 2010 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Paul DeLong

SUMMARY:

As part of their 10-year Tree Planting for Climate Change partnership with the Department and Division of Forestry, Polar Bears International has contributed an additional \$12,036.56 for reforestation purposes in the state of Wisconsin.

As a result of this generous donation, 35 acres of the Kettle Moraine State Forest were planted in April 2010. It is estimated that 121 tons of carbon will be sequestered during the lifetime of this plantation on state lands.

In addition, 20,000 containerized sugar maple seedlings, Wisconsin's state tree, are being grown at the Hayward Nursery for distribution at 2011 nursery centennial events. This will enable the Department to further underscore the multiple benefits of trees in both rural and urban locales, including those related to climate change. The state's citizenry will be educated, motivated and develop increased understanding of how their actions can positively impact the quality of life and the environment locally and globally.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

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:

Robert Mather
Bureau Director,

6/29/2010
Date

Paul DeLong by [Signature]
Administrator,

6/30/2010
Date

[Signature]
Secretary, Matt Frank

7-15-10
Date

Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its August 2010 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$12,036.56 from

Polar Bears International

for their continuing support of the Tree Planting for Climate Change partnership with the Department and Division of Forestry. As a result of this generous donation, 35 acres of the Kettle Moraine State Forest were planted and 20,000 containerized sugar maple seedlings are being grown for distribution at 2011 nursery centennial events.

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

Jonathan P. Ela, CHAIR