

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: The Northern Kettle Moraine Nordic Ski Club will donate a lighting project valued at \$60,000 on the Greenbush Trails

FOR: JANUARY 2010 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

The Northern Kettle Moraine Nordic Ski Club (NKMNSC) has installed lights for cross-country skiing on the Greenbush Trails in the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit. The \$60,000.00 project was made possible through a combination of private donations, club funds, volunteer labor, and corporate sponsors. Key sponsors include Orion Energy Systems of Manitowoc which donated the energy efficient lighting fixtures as well as technical assistance in planning the lighting system. Hillcrest Builders of Glenbeulah coordinated and provided equipment to install the power poles and underground cable, hang the light fixtures, and to restore the site. We Energy donated 21 power poles needed for the project. Roethel Electric, located in Oostburg, provided as a donation the technical assistance for installation.

The Greenbush Trails are well known as a regional cross-country skiing destination. The lights have been installed on the Brown Trail which has a length of 1.2 miles. The project will help further the development of the local Nordic Youth Ski Team to conduct practice in a more consistent and safe environment. Lighting of the Brown Trail will bring out families and casual skiers to Greenbush during the week. During the winter months, the trails are often dark by 4:30 p.m. which leaves little time for youth skiers, families, or anyone who works during the day to get out and enjoy the trails at Greenbush.

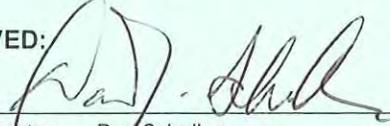
RECOMMENDATION: The Board accept this generous donation.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

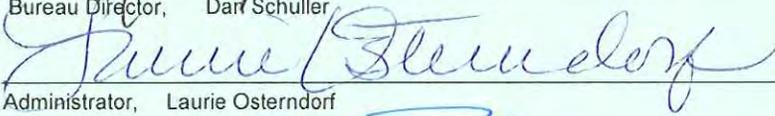
- No Fiscal Estimate Required
- No Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required
- No Background Memo

- Yes Attached
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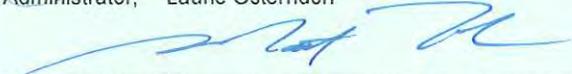
APPROVED:


Bureau Director, Darl Schuller

11-25-09
Date


Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf

11/30/09
Date


Secretary, Matt Frank

12/21/09
Date

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- G. Pilarski-SER
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- L. Netzer-PR/6

Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its January 2010 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of a lighting project on the Greenbush Trails in the Kettle Moraine State Forest-Northern Unit valued at \$60,000 from the

Northern Kettle Moraine Nordic Ski Club

The project was made possible through a combination of private donations, club funds, volunteer labor, and corporate sponsors. Key sponsors include Orion Energy Systems of Manitowoc, Hillcrest Builders of Glenbeulah, We Energy, and Roethel Electric of Oostburg. The project will help further the development of the local Nordic Youth Ski Team to conduct practice in a more consistent and safe environment. The lights will bring out families, casual skiers, or anyone who works during the day to get out and enjoy the trails at Greenbush.

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