

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** The Friends of Horicon Marsh International Education Center, Inc., will donate up to \$100,000 to support the development of an approved concept design plan for exhibits at the Horicon Marsh IE Center.

**FOR:** MARCH 2010 BOARD MEETING

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Sec. Matt Frank

**SUMMARY:**

The Horicon Marsh International Education Center is a \$4.8 million facility completed in March 2009. Funding for this project came from public and private sources, with the Friends of Horicon Marsh International Education Center contributing \$1.9 million. All major components of the Education Center, plus staff work area, were completed except for the interpretive displays and exhibits. The next project at the Education Center is to develop a concept design plan for the exhibits. A request for proposals process will be followed to award the project.

The Friends of Horicon Marsh International Education Center will donate up to \$100,000 for the specific purpose of supporting the development of an approved concept design plan for the exhibits at the Education Center. The donation will be made after the concept design plan project's request for proposals process is completed per state procurement requirements and a vendor contract is signed. The donation will be based on the full amount of the vendor contract.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Accept this generous donation of up to \$100,000 from the Friends of Horicon Marsh International Education Center.

**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:**

Tom Hauge  
Bureau Director, Tom Hauge, Wildlife Management

2/10/10  
Date

Laurie Osterndorf  
Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf, Land Division

2/16/10  
Date

Matt Frank  
Secretary, Matt Frank

3-1-10  
Date

- cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8
- Tom Hauge - WM/6
- Jane Riley - WM/6
- Eric Lobner - WM/Fitchburg
- Bill Volkert - WM/Horicon

## *Acknowledgment of Gift*

This is to certify that at its March 2010 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of up to \$100,000 from

### **The Friends Of Horicon Marsh International Education Center, Inc.**

to be used in support of the development of an approved concept design plan for the exhibits at the Education Center.

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