

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

**SUBJECT:** The Andrew F. Bell and Edith M. Bell Charitable Trust will donate \$35,214.50 to be split evenly between the Bureaus of Endangered Resources and Wildlife Management.

**FOR:** AUGUST, 2011 BOARD MEETING

**TO BE PRESENTED BY / TITLE:** Cathy Stepp, Secretary

**SUMMARY:**

The Andrew F. Bell and Edith M. Bell Charitable Trust will donate \$35,214.50 to be split evenly between the Bureaus of Endangered Resources and Wildlife Management.

The Bureau of Endangered Resources will likely use this donation of \$17,607.25 for continued support of endangered species priorities.

The Bureau of Wildlife Management will likely use this donation of \$17,607.25 for wetland habitat research. The Wildlife Policy Team-approved priorities for Bell Charitable Trust funds are wetland habitat research and staff training. The money is also available to address emergency needs or "once-in-a-lifetime" habitat restoration opportunities for which other funding is unavailable. To date we have been able to use these funds to support a multi-year blue-winged teal study, two wetland habitat management workshops featuring nationally recognized expert, Dr. Leigh Fredrickson, a waterfowl survey of the Glacial Habitat Restoration Area, a weeklong wetland restoration workshop involving DNR, U.S.Fish and Wildlife Service, and Natural Resources Conservation Service staff from around the state, and an emergency repair of a watercontrol structure at Eldorado Marsh Wildlife Area.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Accept and acknowledge the donation of \$35,214.50 from the Bell Charitable Trust.

**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:** *Withing Kathy Jansen For TMH*  
*Laurie Osterdorf*  
 Bureau Director, Laurie Osterdorf, ER; Tom Hauge, WM

*Kurt Thiede*  
 Administrator, Kurt Thiede, Lands

*Cathy Stepp*  
 Secretary, Cathy Stepp

*6/29/11*  
 Date

*6/29/11*  
 Date

*6/30/11*  
 Date

*7/14/11*  
 Date

cc: NRB Liaison  
 DNR Rules Coordinator  
 Lance Potter ER/6  
 Jane Riley WM/6

## *Acknowledgment of Gift*

This is to certify that at its August 2011 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$35,214.50 from the

### **Andrew F. Bell and Edith M. Bell Charitable Trust**

in support of the Bureaus of Endangered Resources and Wildlife Management.

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*

David Clausen, CHAIR