

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Operating Engineers Local 139 Training Center will donate time and equipment for design and earthwork for renovations to the Wautoma Public Shooting Range, at a value greater than \$15,000 of in-kind services

FOR: MAY 2012 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY / TITLE: Cathy Stepp, Secretary

SUMMARY:

In the late 1960's a shooting range was built on state property located west of Wautoma. This range has been used by thousands of shooting enthusiasts and hunters over the past 40 years and is the only free access range in east central Wisconsin.

In early 2012 the Operating Engineers Local 139 Training Center, based in Coloma, worked jointly with Department staff on designing and creating improvements to this range to address safety concerns. Operating Engineers 139 was able to use this large project for a training opportunity for their students. They agreed to donate approx. 2 1/2 months of work which included designing, plotting and completing the renovations. The improvements included moving dirt to form four separate range lengths of 50 feet for handguns and 50, 100, and 200 yards for shotguns and rifles.

They sent 16 pieces of heavy equipment to this site and each one was manned by a trainee who was under the direction of an instructor.

This project has assured that shooting and hunting enthusiasts will continue to have a safe and convenient facility for many decades into the future. In addition it has allowed the Operating Engineer students a real world opportunity to work on a large scale project to enrich their career futures.

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the donation and acknowledge the Operating Engineers Local 130 Training 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:

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Jean Romback-Bartels, NER
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Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its May 2012 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of in-kind time and equipment for design and reconstruction of the public shooting range near Wautoma amounting to in excess of \$15,000 from

The Operating Engineers, Local 130 Training Center

The Operating Engineers Local 139 training center based in Coloma has agreed to donate about 2 1/2 months of work designing, plotting and moving dirt to form 4 separate range lengths of 50 feet for handguns, 50, 100, and 200 yards for shot guns and rifle shooting at a public range on DNR property. Sixteen pieces of heavy equipment worked this site and each one was manned by a trainee who was under the direction of an OE 139 instructor. The OE 139 instructors and trainees know training is best when they have an actual plan and see it come to fruition compared to digging in the sand then knocking it down at the end of their two weeks of training. Many trainees plan on using this range when they return for training in future years. The range is now much safer than the old one built in the late 1960s and will be handicapped accessible.

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