

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

SUBJECT: Donation acceptance – The Friends of Blue Mound State Park

The Friends of Blue Mound State Park will donate \$100,000 to the Wisconsin DNR. This donation will be used to renovate and upgrade the swimming facilities at Blue Mound State Park.

FOR: October 2014 Board meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Stepp

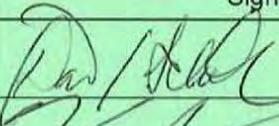
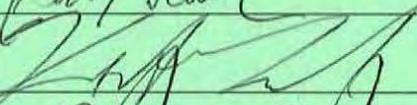
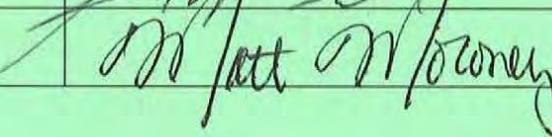
SUMMARY:

Blue Mound State Park, located just outside of Blue Mounds, is perched atop the highest point in southern Wisconsin offering spectacular views of the surrounding area and unique geological features. The park consists of 1,153 acres and offers many recreational opportunities to include camping, hiking, biking, rustic cabin designed for people with disabilities, and two 40 foot observation towers. The park is also the only state park in Wisconsin to have a swimming pool.

The Friends of Blue Mound State Park were established in 1989 and have supported Blue Mound State Park passionately for 25 years. The Friends of Blue Mound State Park recognize the need to renovate and upgrade the current swimming pool at Blue Mound State Park to continue to provide a critical water recreation experience at the park to its 150,000 annual visitors. The existing pool at Blue Mound State Park was built in the 1970s and is greatly in need of repair and facility upgrades. This donation will allow that to occur.

The Friends of Blue Mound State Park would like to donate \$100,000 towards the pool renovation project set to begin in the fall of 2014.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the generous donation of \$100,000 to the Wisconsin DNR from The Friends of Blue Mound State Park

Approved by	Signature	Date
Dan Schuller Bureau Director		9/15/14
Kurt Thiede Land Division Administrator		9/16/14
Cathy Stepp, Secretary		10/6/14

cc: Board Liaison - AD/8
Department rule coordinator – LS/8

Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its October 2014 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$100,000 to the Wisconsin DNR from:

The Friends of Blue Mound State Park

This donation will be used to renovate and upgrade the swimming facilities at Blue Mound State Park.

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

Preston D. Cole, Chair