

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

**SUBJECT:** Donation acceptance – Andrew F. Bell & Edith M. Bell Charitable Trust

Andrew F. Bell & Edith M. Bell Charitable Trust will donate \$39,494. This donation will be used to provide \$19,747 for continued support of endangered species priorities and will provide \$19,747 to fund activities associated with wetland habitat.

**FOR: August 2016 Board meeting**

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Secretary Stepp

**SUMMARY:**

The Andrew F. Bell and Edith M. Bell Charitable Trust will donate \$19,747 to the Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation and \$19,747 to the Bureau of Wildlife Management.

The Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation will use this donation for continued support of its endangered species priorities. These include monitoring endangered and threatened species, restoring habitat, and addressing emerging threats to our natural resources.

The Bureau of Wildlife Management plans to use this donation of \$19,747, for wetland habitat research and wetland management training. The Wildlife Policy Team approved priorities for Bell Charitable Trust funds. Those priorities are wetland habitat research and staff training. The money is also available to address emergency needs of "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, three wetland habitat management workshops, waterfowl survey and habitat monitoring efforts within the Glacial Habitat Restoration Area, an emergency repair of a water control structure at Eldorado Marsh Wildlife Area, and a human dimensions study associated with wetland and waterfowl management.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board accept the generous donation of \$39,494 from Andrew F. Bell & Edith M. Bell Charitable Trust

Approved by	Signature	Date
Drew Feldkirchner, NHC Director	<i>Drew Feldkirchner (see)</i>	6/29/16
Tom Hauge, Wildlife Management Director	<i>Frank Fischer for Tom Hauge</i>	6-27-16
Sanjay Olson, FWP Division Administrator	<i>Sanjay Olson (see)</i>	6/29/16
<i>CS</i> Cathy Stepp, Secretary	<i>CS</i>	7/1/16

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

# **Acknowledgment of Gift**

This is to certify that at its August 2016 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$39,494 from:

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

This donation will be used to provide \$19,747 for continued support of endangered species priorities and will provide \$19,747 to fund activities associated with wetland habitat.

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

Terry N. Hilgenberg, Chair