

**SUBJECT:** Land Donation – Crex Meadows Wildlife Area– Burnett County

**FOR:** OCTOBER 2016 BOARD MEETING

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Terry Bay, Bureau Director

**SUMMARY:**

Mr. Richard E. Larson has offered to donate one acre of land located within the project boundary of the Crex Meadows Wildlife Area in Burnett County to the Department. The parcel is adjacent to Department owned lands to the east and is accessible to the public through Phantom Lake Road to the west. The donation also includes the development of a small parking lot and the cost to place a marker on the property.

The subject property will provide a public access link from Phantom Lake Road to the Department owned property to the east, which is currently difficult to reach and lacks parking amenities. This access will be enhanced by the parking lot development, which Mr. Larson is donating to the Department. The subject is the location of the first Grantsburg Hilton Camp, established in the 1950s. The marker that is being donated by Mr. Larson will read as follows: Original Site of the Grantsburg Hilton Camp Established in the 1950s, Donated by Dick Larson, Summer 2016.

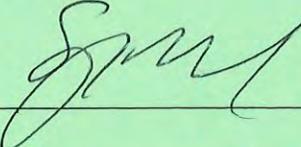
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**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board accept the donation of one acre of land, development of a parking lot and establishment of a marker for the Grantsburg Hilton Camp for the Crex Meadows Wildlife Area. Also that a certificate of appreciation be sent to Mr. Richard E. Larson and that an expression of appreciation be made a part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board.

**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS (Check all that are applicable):**

- Background Memo
- Maps and Documents

Approved By	Signature	Date
Terry H. Bay Bureau Director		10/6/16
Sanjay Olson Division Administrator		10/7/16

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Cathy Stepp, Secretary

*[Handwritten Signature]*

10/7/16

**CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM**

DATE: September 29, 2016  
 TO: Natural Resources Board  
 FROM: Cathy Stepp  
 SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Mr. Richard E. Larson  
 Tract, File # WM 60490

FILE REF: WM 60490

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Crex Meadows Wildlife Area  
 Burnett County

Grantor:

Mr. Richard Larson  
 12440 County Road D  
 Grantsburg- WI 54840

Acres: 1  
Price: Gift  
Appraised Value: N/A

Interest: Fee Title  
Improvements: Parking lot is being constructed.

Location: The tract is located five miles north of Grantsburg in Burnett County  
Land Description: The subject land is level terrain.

Covertypes Breakdown:

Type	Acreage
Upland Woodland	1.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1.00</b>

Zoning: A2 (Agriculture – Residential)  
Present Use: Private recreation use  
Proposed Use: Public recreation use and public parking/access  
Tenure: 20 years

Stewardship Land Access: This property will be open to the public for all nature based outdoor recreational activities to include bunting, fishing, trapping, hiking and cross country skiing. Physical features of the property may not be conducive to all of these activities.

2. JUSTIFICATION:

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3. LAND MANAGEMENT:

Management of the overall property will be consistent with management of the connecting Crex Meadows Wildlife Area. There is no expectation of significant added costs for management as a result of adding this property to the project.

4. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

5. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE CREX MEADOWS WILDLIFE AREA:

Established: 1946

Acres Purchased to Date: 28,667.76

Acquisition Goal: 32,397.00

Percent Complete: 88.49 %

Cost to Date: \$2,898,062.58

RECOMMENDED:

*Terry Bay*

*10/16/16*

Terry H. Bay, Bureau Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands

Date

*Richard W. Henneger*

*9/29/16*

Richard W. Henneger, Bureau of Legal Services

Date

*Sanjay Olson*

*10/7/16*

Sanjay Olson, Fish, Wildlife and Parks Division Administrator

Date



**Richard Larson -  
Fee**  
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**Crex Meadows  
Wildlife Area  
WM 60490**  
T38N R18W Sec 07  
Town of Wood River  
Burnett County

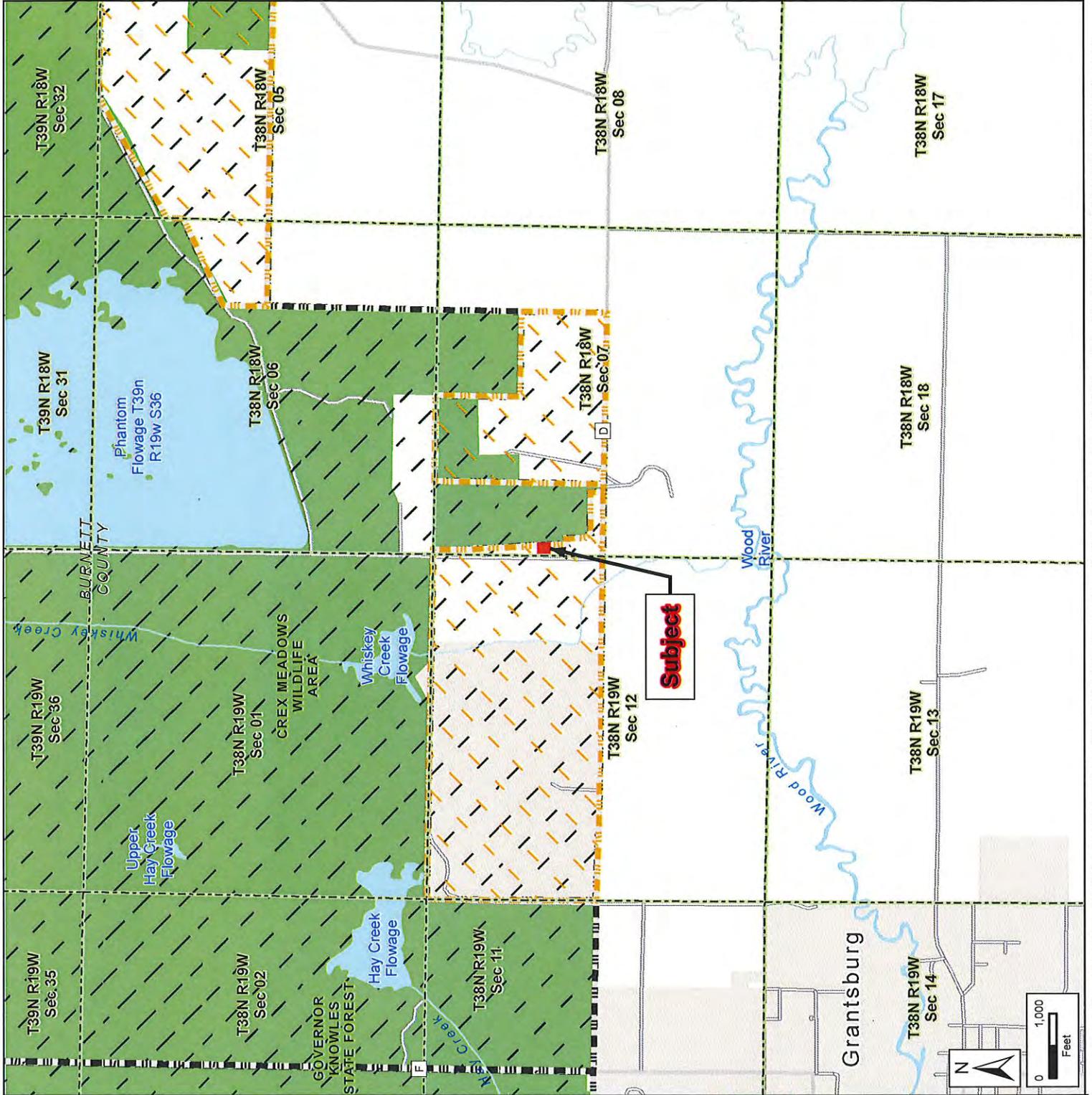


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- DNR Fee Title
- County Boundary
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Location of Property

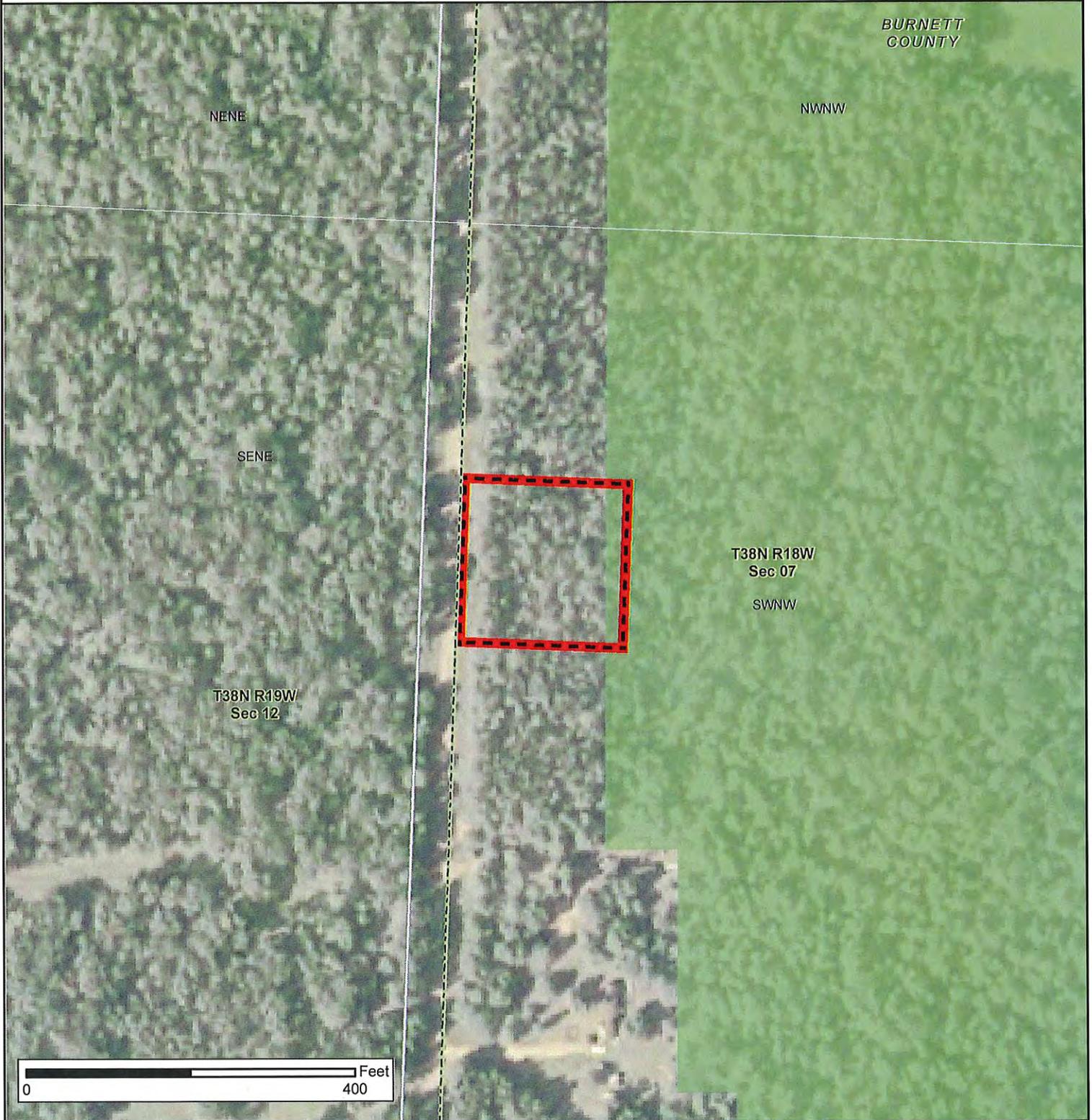
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Bureau of Facilities of Lands  
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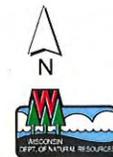


**Crex Meadows  
Wildlife Area**



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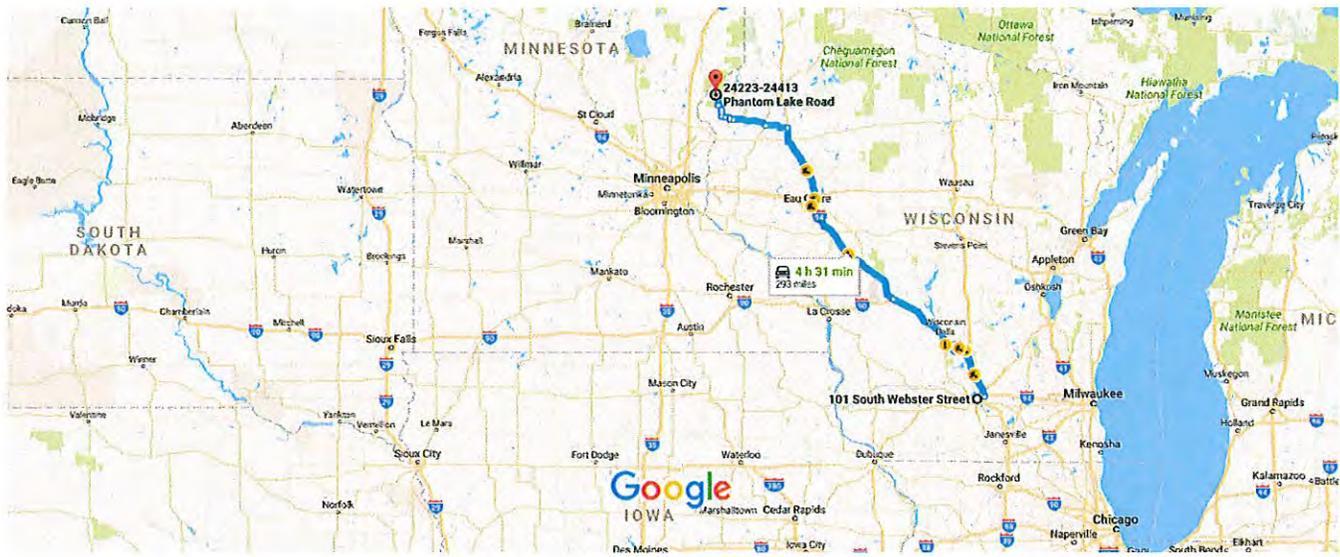


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Real Estate Section  
Bureau of Facilities and Lands



101 S Webster St, Madison, WI to Drive 293 miles, 4 h 31 min  
 24223-24413 Phantom Lake Road, Grantsburg, WI 54840



Map data ©2016 Google 50 mi

### 101 South Webster Street

Madison, WI 53703

#### Get on WI-30 E

- 8 min (3.3 mi)
- ↑ 1. Head northwest on S Webster St toward E Main St 0.1 mi
- ➡ 2. Use any lane to turn right at the 2nd cross street onto E Washington Ave 2.9 mi
- ⬆️ 3. Use the right lane to take the WI-30 E ramp to Interstate 94/Interstate 90 0.2 mi

#### Follow I-90 W, I-94 W and US-53 N to WI-48 W/21st Ave in Rice Lake. Take exit 143 from US-53 N

- 3 h 15 min (230 mi)
- ↑ 4. Continue onto WI-30 E 2.6 mi
- ↙ 5. Use the left lane to merge onto I-39 N/I-90 W toward I-94 W/Wis Dells  
i Continue to follow I-90 W 92.7 mi
- ↘ 6. Keep right at the fork to continue on I-94 W 76.0 mi
- ➡ 7. Take exit 70 to merge onto US-53 N toward Eau Claire 58.7 mi



 8. Take exit 143 for WI-48 toward Rice Lake/Cumberland 0.4 mi

**Continue on WI-48 W. Take S Williams Rd to Phantom Lake Rd in Wood River**

1 h 9 min (59.0 mi)

 9. Turn left onto WI-48 W/21st Ave  
 Continue to follow WI-48 W 14.3 mi

 10. Turn right onto WI-48 W/4 1/2 - 5th St  
 Continue to follow WI-48 W 21.0 mi

 11. Keep right to continue on 260th Ave 1.8 mi

 12. Turn right onto WI-35 N/WI-48 W 1.0 mi

 13. Turn left onto 270th Ave 2.7 mi

 14. Turn left onto 275th Ave 2.4 mi

 15. Keep right to continue on County Hwy B 0.4 mi

 16. Continue onto 210th St 1.7 mi

 17. Turn right to stay on 210th St 0.5 mi

 18. Continue onto Co Hwy Z/Co Rd Z/2nd St  
 Continue to follow Co Hwy Z/Co Rd Z 2.0 mi

 19. Continue onto WI-48 W 4.2 mi

 20. Turn right onto S Williams Rd 6.0 mi

 21. Turn left onto Co Hwy D/Co Rd D 1.0 mi

 22. Turn right onto Phantom Lake Rd 0.2 mi

**24223-24413 Phantom Lake Road**

Grantsburg, WI 54840

## **Acknowledgment of Gift**

This is to certify that at its October 2016 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of land in Burnett County for the Crex Meadows Wildlife Area from:

**Mr. Richard E. Larson**

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