

**SUBJECT:** The Andrew F. Bell and Edith M. Bell Charitable Tmst will donate \$38,991 to be split evenly between the Bureaus of Endangered Resources and Wildlife Management

**FOR:** AUGUST, 2012 BOARD MEETING

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

**SUMMARY:**

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The Bureau of Endangered Resources will likely use this donation of \$19,495.50 for continued support of endangered species priorities.

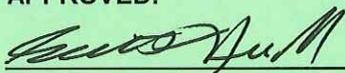
The Bureau of Wildlife Management will likely use this donation of \$19,495.50 for wetland habitat research. The Wildlife Policy Team-approved priorities for Bell Charitable Trust funds are wetland habitat research and staff training. The money is also available to address emergency needs or "once-in-a-lifetime" 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, three wetland habitat management workshops, a waterfowl survey of the Glacial Habitat Restoration Area, and an emergency repair of a water control structure at Eldorado Marsh Wildlife Area.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Accept and acknowledge the donation of \$38,991 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:**

  
Bureau Director, Scott Hull, ER; Tom Hauge, WM

6/21/12  
Date

  
Administrator, Kurt Thiede, Lands

6/25/12  
Date

  
Secretary, Cathy Stepp

7/19/12  
Date

cc: NRB Liaison  
DNR Rules Coordinator

Lance Potter ER/6  
Jane Riely WM/6

## *Acknowledgment of Gift*

This is to certify that at its August 2012 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$38,991 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