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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 3.B.8

SUBJECT: LAND DONATION AND PROJECT BOUNDARY MODIFICATION – PATTISON STATE PARK – DOUGLAS COUNTY

FOR: May 2007 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Richard Steffes

SUMMARY: The Department proposes to accept a 40-acre donation from Tom Sather for the Pattison State Park in Douglas Country. There are 500 feet of Black River frontage and state park land abuts on the north side.

The parcel is located approximately fifteen miles south of the City of Superior in northwestern Douglas County. It is situated just outside the southern border of the project boundary. The Sather parcel shares its eastern boundary with state land previously acquired for the North County Trail. This 40-acre parcel also features a stretch of the Black River, which traverses east on its way to Little Manitou Falls, the park beach at Interfalls Lake, and Big Manitou Falls. Acceptance of the donation would for future expansion of the North Country Trail system and public use areas.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the 40-acre donation, that a certificate of appreciation be sent to the donor and that an expression of appreciation be made part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board. Additionally, the project boundary for Pattison State Park be modified to include this parcel.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

No ☒	Fiscal Estimate Required	Yes ☐	Attached
No ☒	Environmental Assessment of Impact Statement Required	Yes ☐	Attached
No ☐	Background Memo	Yes ☒	Attached

APPROVED:

R E Steffes — 4-12-07
Real Estate Director, Richard E. Steffes - LF/4 — Date

Laurie Osterndorf — 4/13/07
Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf - AD/5 — Date

Scott Hassett — 4/13/07
Secretary, Scott Hassett - AD/5 — Date

cc: S. Miller – LF/4
R. Steffes – LF/4
L. Ross - AD/5
B. Chevis - PR/6
J. Gozdzialski - NOR

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

State of Wisconsin

DATE: April 12, 2007 FILE REF: P-1903

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Scott Hassett

SUBJECT: Proposed Fee Donation, Tom Sather, File # P-1903,

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Pattison State Park
Douglas County

Grantor:

Tom Sather
Apartado 152-8000
Perez Zeledon
San Jose, Costa Rica

Acres: 40.0
Price: N/A - Donation
Interest: Donation
Improvements: None

Location: The tract is located approximately fifteen miles south of the City of Superior in northwestern Douglas County.

Land Description: The subject area is lightly rolling and mostly upland forest. There are 500 feet of frontage on the Black River.

Covertype Breakdown:	Type	Acreage
	Wooded Lowland	5.0
	Wooded Upland	34.0
	Water	1.0
	TOTAL	40.0

Zoning: Forestry
Present Use: Recreational Property
Proposed Use: Resource Protection and Public Recreation
Tenure: 35 years
Option Date: February 1, 2007

2. JUSTIFICATION:

It is recommended that the Board accept the donation of a 40.0-acre parcel from Tom Sather for Pattison State Park. The parcel is 40 acres that is situated just outside the southern border of the project boundary. The Sather parcel shares its eastern boundary with state land previously acquired for the North County Trail. State park land abuts on the north. This 40-acre parcel also features a stretch of the Black River, which traverses on the east side on its way to Little Manitou Falls, the park beach at Interfalls Lake, and Big Manitou Falls. Acceptance of the donation would allow for future expansion of the North Country Trail system and public use areas.

Pattison State Park is located in northwestern Wisconsin, approximately 10 miles south of the City of Superior. The park was established in 1920 to provide recreational opportunities on more than 1,300 acres surrounding Interfalls Lake and the Black River. The park is managed for a variety of recreational uses including picnicking, swimming, hiking, nature study, fishing, boating, camping, and cross-country skiing.

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Not only is the Sather parcel close to the proposed location of the North Country Trail, but it is also in close proximity to a hiking/cross-county ski trail located within Patterson State Park. Any development on this parcel could have significant impacts on the recreational and aesthetic values at Pattison State Park, the Black River, as well as the North Country Trail.

The Department recommends accepting the donation of the 40-acre Tom Sather property to prevent development encroachment near the park, to provide opportunities for public recreation, to allow natural resource management and to preserve the natural scenery in the area. Upon acceptance of this proposed donation the project boundary will be modified to include the parcel.

3. FINANCING:

N/A (Donation)

4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE PATTISON STATE PARK:

Established: 1920
Acres Purchased to Date: 1,435.94
Acquisition Goal: 1,600.0 Acres
Percent Complete: 89.7%
Cost to Date: $80,433

RECOMMENDED:

R E Steffes
Richard E. Steffes

4-12-07
Date

Joseph Wm. Renville
Bureau of Legal Services

4/12/07
Date

Laurie Osterndorf
Laurie Osterndorf

4/13/07
Date

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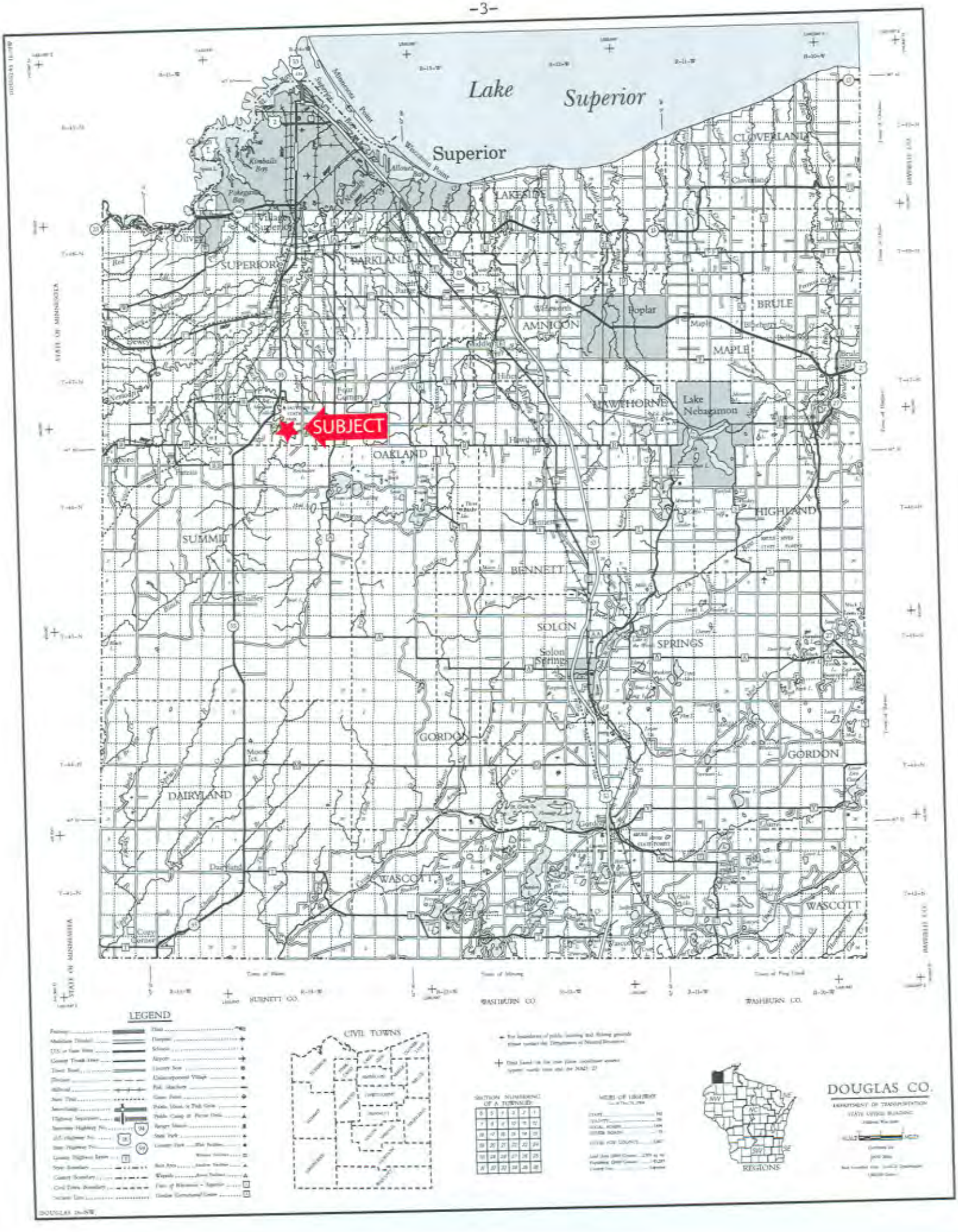
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Sather Property

Pattison State Park

- Subject Property
- WDNR Owned
- WNDR Eased
- WDNR Leased
- Ice Age Trail
- Project Boundary
- Open Water

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http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cs/servicecenter/locations.htm

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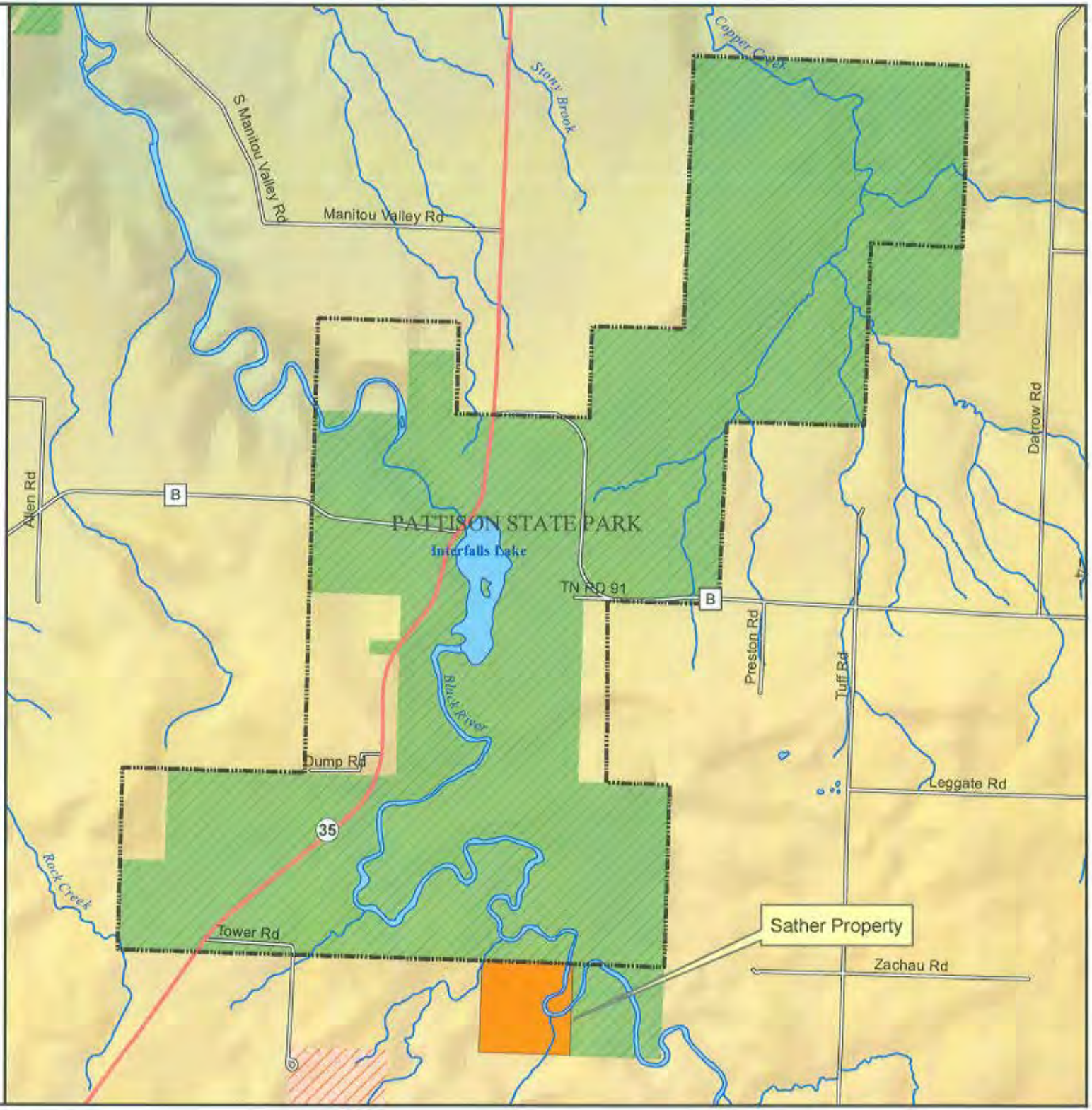
April 5, 2007



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Acknowledgment Of Gift

This is to certify that at its May 2007 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a 40-acre gift of land from

TOM SATHER

The land will be used for the Pattison State Park in Douglas County. It is significant that people like you are interested in helping protect Wisconsin's natural heritage and contribute materially toward this end.

An expression of our appreciation is a part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board. We present this certificate of sincere appreciation on behalf of present and future generations to thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Natural Resources Board

Christine L. Thomas, CHAIR