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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 4.A.1

SUBJECT: LEOPOLD CONSERVATION AWARD

FOR: OCTOBER 2011 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY / TITLE: William Bruins, NRB Member, and Brent Haglund, Sand County Foundation

SUMMARY:

The Leopold Conservation Award, named in honor of world-renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold, is a competitive award that recognizes landowner achievement in voluntary conservation. The award consists of an Aldo Leopold crystal and a cash award of $10,000. Three finalists for the award will each receive a cash award of $500. The Leopold Conservation Award Review Panel evaluated properties based on responsible and sustainable land management, economics, innovation, overall land health, and community outreach and leadership.

The four finalists, listed alphabetically, are:
Jim and Valerie Hebbe, Green Lake County
Justin Isherwood, Portage County
Koepke Family, Waukesha County
Mark Riechers, Lafayette County

The award is now presented annually to private landowners in eight states. Leopold Conservation Awards recognize extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation, inspire other landowners through their example, and help the general public understand the vital role private landowners can and do play in conservation success.

The Leopold Conservation Award in Wisconsin is made possible through the generous support of: The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, American Transmission Company, University of Wisconsin-Extension, Rural Mutual Insurance Company, and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation.

RECOMMENDATION: Information only

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

No	☑	Fiscal Estimate Required	Yes	☐	Attached
No	☑	Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required	Yes	☐	Attached
No	☑	Background Memo	Yes	☐	Attached

APPROVED:

Bureau Director, n/a — Date

Administrator, n/a — Date

Matt Moroney

Secretary, Cathy Stepp — Date 10/11/11

cc: NRB Liaison
DNR Rules Coordinator