

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** A. Finkl & Sons Company will donate a total of \$588,133 for tree planting on Wisconsin State Forests from 2012-2022

**FOR:** AUGUST 2012 BOARD MEETING

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

**SUMMARY:**

A. Finkl & Sons expressed interest to increase their annual donation to plant trees on state lands. A. Finkl & Sons Co. has given donations to the Department dating back to 1990 for the purpose of reforestation. This latest agreement would double their current donation and extend the tree planting effort another 10 years. At the completion of the additional 10-year agreement, A. Finkl & Sons total contribution will reach approximately 6,000,000 trees planted on Wisconsin's State Forests.

The Department will plant and care for approximately four hundred thousand (400,000) forest tree seedlings annually on department lands. Planting shall include costs related to preparing the site, costs of seedlings and post planting maintenance (up to 3 years after planting) to ensure seedling survival. Department staff will provide all forest tree seedlings, labor, mechanical equipment, and supervision to prepare, plant and maintain the forest tree seedlings. Forest management of the tree seedlings will be determined by Department foresters.

The Department will, for a minimum of 100 years, manage the planted areas with the goal of maintaining a healthy forest. Trees will be cut only to sustain the forest in a healthy and productive condition, recognizing that more intensive cutting may be necessary in the event of forest fires, insect and disease outbreaks and wind throws.

The donation will amount to approximately \$46,000 annually, with donation totals increasing 3% each following year for a total donation of \$588,133

**RECOMMENDATION:** Accept the donation of from A. Finkl & Sons Company.

**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:**

*Robert J. Natta*  
Bureau Director

7/12/12  
Date

*Paul DeLong*  
Administrator

7/12/12  
Date

*Matt Moroney*  
Secretary, Cathy Stepp

7/19/12  
Date

cc: NRB Liaison  
DNR Rules Coordinator

## ***Acknowledgment of Gift***

This is to certify that at its August 2012 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$588,133 from

### **A. Finkl & Sons**

for the cost of planting 400,000 trees annually for 10 years on Wisconsin State Forests, providing essential support for reforestation efforts on Wisconsin's State Forests .

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