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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item

Item No. 2.B.

SUBJECT: Donation acceptance – Turning Rivers

Donation of concrete to the west end of the camp barn as part of phase one of its conversion to a pavilion at the Turning Rivers Camp at the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern Unit. The total donation value from Turning Rivers is $48,538.

FOR: June 2021 Board meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Cole

SUMMARY:

Turning Rivers, an organization consisting of Camp Reunite and Camp Hometown Heroes, is under lease with the department and occupies the former Milwaukee YMCA Camp at the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern Unit. Under their proposed vision and enhancements to the property, they are requesting to repurpose the existing riding barn into a pavilion. Phase one of the repurposing includes the following steps: cleaning and clearing out the west side of the barn, laying down concrete foundation on the west side of barn, power washing the west side of barn, and completing upgrades to the electrical system.

The conversion of the barn will have many benefits. The project will convert the building to a year-round facility, provide indoor plumbing for bathroom/showers to provide more sanitary/healthy options for participants, add a classroom for activities and environmental education activities for groups, provide additional lodging for leadership staff/seasonal staff members, add significant value to the facility, create new opportunities for department usage, and possible use as a community center for the community.

The Bureau of Parks and Recreation Management seeks approval for the concrete to be poured at the facility, amounting to a $48,538 immediate donation in part to phase one of the renovation.

RECOMMENDATION: The Natural Resources Board accepts this donation valued at $48,538.00 from Turning Rivers.

Approved by	Signature	Date
Brian Hefty, Deputy Director Bureau of Parks and Recreation	DocuSigned by: Brian Hefty 2E1D1E47B0B54A3...	5/18/2021 | 1:34 PM CDT
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On behalf of: Preston D. Cole, Secretary	DocuSigned by: Todd Ambs 0793A7BA427C4CB...	5/19/2021 | 10:01 AM CDT

cc: Board Liaison - AD/8

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Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its June 2021 meeting, the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of $48,538 from:

Turning Rivers

This donation will be used for the pouring of concrete in the conversion of the west barn to a multipurpose pavilion at the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern Unit, located in Fond du Lac County, WI.

Our expression of appreciation on behalf of Wisconsin's citizens is hereby recorded in the official records of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board. We acknowledge this generous contribution.

Wisconsin Natural Resources Board

Dr. Frederick C. Prehn, Chair