

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

SUBJECT: Donation Acknowledgement – Northern Sky Theater Building

Northern Sky Theater Building donated \$364,773.00 in the form of capital improvements to the buildings and infrastructure at the amphitheater at Peninsula State Park. This donation is being used to renovate existing buildings and replace and consolidate smaller buildings that will greatly improve the patron experience and enhance Northern Sky's park operations, both functionally and aesthetically.

FOR: December 2021 Board meeting

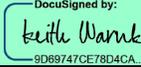
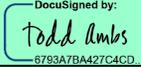
TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Cole

SUMMARY:

This donation includes reconstruction of the merchandise and concession facilities into one new facility, technical booth renovation and extension, and renovations to the backstage dressing room building. These patron service and company support improvements will also create new and reliable revenue streams. Northern Sky Theater will underwrite the entire cost of these improvements and is honored to gift the upgraded facilities to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

In 2016, Northern Sky Theater and the Wisconsin DNR renewed their 50-year partnership for an additional 15 years, effectively securing the company's home in the park for the next generation of theatergoers. Original musical theater presented in Peninsula State Park will continue to be Northern Sky's summer "main event." In 2019-20, Northern Sky built and gifted a modern amphitheater and public restroom facility to the DNR. Northern Sky Theater continues to be a vested partner with the State of Wisconsin helping to make Peninsula State Park one of the most visited and unique parks in the State.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board acknowledge the generous donation of \$364,773 from Northern Sky Theater Building.

	Approved by	Signature	Date
For	Steven Schmelzer, Director Bureau of Parks and Recreation		11/4/2021 1:45 PM CDT
	Keith Warnke, Administrator Division of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks		11/5/2021 7:42 AM CDT
For	Preston D. Cole, Secretary		11/5/2021 12:14 PM CDT

cc: Board Liaison - AD/8

Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its December 2021 meeting, the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board gratefully acknowledged a gift of \$364,773.00 in the form of capital improvements to the buildings and infrastructure at the amphitheater at Peninsula State Park from:

Northern Sky Theater Building

This donation will be used to renovate and replace existing buildings to greatly improve the patron experience and enhance Northern Sky's park operations, both functionally and aesthetically.

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