

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

SUBJECT: Donation acceptance – The Friends of Crex

The Friends of Crex will donate \$40,000. This donation will be used to fund the design and construction of a new mess hall at Crex Meadows Wildlife Area in partnership with NWCEP and the department.

FOR: December 2013 Board meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Stepp

SUMMARY:

The current mess hall at Crex Meadows Wildlife Area is 50 years old, is not heated and is used seasonally. Northwest Wisconsin Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. utilizes the Mess Hall for approximately 8 weeks in the summer as part of a jobs training program. The new mess hall will:

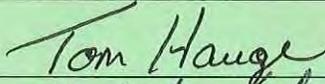
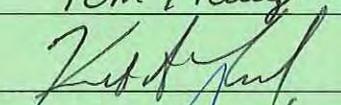
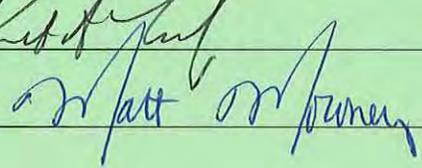
Bring the building and Kitchen up to current health and building codes;

Allow NWCEP to further develop and expand their programs; and

Allow the Crex staff and The Friends of Crex to offer year round programs/public events that include a commercial kitchen facility.

The Department is providing half the funding for the new mess hall. The Friends of Crex and NWCEP are partnering to provide the other half. This initial donation will provide the cash funding necessary to do a 35% design so the department can break ground and build the new mess hall in 2014.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the generous donation of \$40,000 from The Friends of Crex

Approved by	Signature	Date
Tom Hauge, Bureau Director		11/4/13
Kurt Thiede, Administrator		11/5/13
Cathy Stepp, Secretary		11/13/13

cc: Board Liaison - AD/8
Department rule coordinator – LS/8

Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its December 2013 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$40,000 from:

The Friends of Crex

This donation will be used to fund the design and construction of a new mess hall at Crex Meadows Wildlife Area in partnership with NWCEP and the department.

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

Preston D. Cole, Chair