

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: RETIREMENT RESOLUTION FOR KENNETH D. OLSON

FOR: FEBRUARY **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: MATT FRANK, DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

SUMMARY:

KENNETH D. OLSON RETIRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT AFTER 26 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE STATE PARKS PROGRAM.

RECOMMENDATION: BOARD APPROVAL AND ADOPTION

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

- No Fiscal Estimate Required
- No Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required
- No Background Memo

- Yes Attached
- Yes Attached
- Yes Attached

APPROVED:

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 Regional Director,

1/10/08

 Date

 Administrator,

 Date

 Secretary, Matt Frank

1/10/08

 Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5

Retirement Resolution

Kenneth D. Olson retired from the Department of Natural Resources on December 11, 2007 with more than 26 years of dedicated service to the State of Wisconsin.

Ken began his career in June of 1981 at Governor Dodge State Park, where he progressed to the position of Facilities Repair Worker 3. In this capacity he oversaw trail and grounds operations at a 5200 acre state park with substantial visitation and many management challenges.

In September of 1992 Ken promoted to the position of Facilities Repair Worker 4 at Peninsula State Park, serving as the Coordinator of maintenance operations at Wisconsin's second busiest state park. Throughout this time period, Ken demonstrated a strong commitment to customer service and worked endlessly to ensure that the many details associated with maintaining the Park's 3776 acres, 472 campsites, 23 miles of roads and 100 buildings were tended to. Ken was recently recognized for his work responsibilities by being promoted to the position of Facilities Maintenance Specialist.

Ken cares deeply about the park and made a special effort to pass his love of the Park on to the hundreds of limited-term employees who worked with him over the years.

WHEREAS, Kenneth D. Olson has served the people of the State of Wisconsin faithfully and well in the performance of duties and has thus earned the commendation due an exemplary public employee;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Natural Resources Board at its February 2008 meeting at Madison, Wisconsin, recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

Natural Resources Board

Christine Thomas, CHAIR