

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.A.5

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution for Marcia Penner

FOR: MARCH BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Marcia Penner will retire with more than 27 years of service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin. A retirement resolution is attached.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the retirement resolution for Marcia Penner.

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:

Michael L. Prosser
Bureau Director,

February 27, 2008
Date

Administrator,

Date

Secretary, Matt Frank

Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5

Retirement Resolution

WHEREAS, Marcia Penner is retiring from the Department of Natural Resources on April 4, 2008, after completing more than twenty-seven years of service to the Department of Natural Resources and the State of Wisconsin.

Marcia attended Northwestern University and the University of Colorado, where she obtained her B.A. in Environmental Conservation in 1976 and was selected as a member of Phi Beta Kappa upon graduation. Marcia attended the University of Wisconsin Law School, graduating with Honors in 1979.

Marcia's earliest responsibilities with the Department included working with the Public and Private Water Supply programs. She was heavily involved in the development of Wisconsin's Groundwater Quality Protection Law and helped to draft and implement chapter NR 140, Wis. Adm. Code, the state's innovative groundwater quality rules.

After several years, her responsibilities shifted to providing legal counsel to the Air Management Program. In this capacity, she assisted in the implementation of the 1990 Clean Air Act amendments, including the air operation permit program and the air permit fee programs. Marcia also represented the Department in several very long contested case hearings, successfully defending the Department's air permit decisions. She was also involved in resolving many enforcement cases, with the assistance of the Department of Justice, several of which resulted in large forfeitures and major reductions in air emissions.

During her career, Marcia has also represented the Department in many contested case hearings for the water regulatory program, and served as one of the attorneys for the Shoreland Zoning program. Marcia has participated in the revision of the Shoreland Zoning rules in chapter NR 115. She also worked on the extensive revisions of the St. Croix Riverway rules, which became effective in 2004.

Marcia has counseled Department staff on the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA), the Aquatic Plant Management Program, the Laboratory Certification Program and several Recreational Grant programs. Marcia has been the Department's expert on public records and open meetings questions and the Department's representative on the Public Records Attorneys Group for the past several years. Marcia has also been a speaker on environmental issues at several State Bar educational programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Natural Resources Board at its March 26, 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