

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.A.2

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution - Joseph R. Hennlich

FOR: APRIL 2009 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Joseph R. Hennlich retired January 20, 2009 after 30 years of state service.

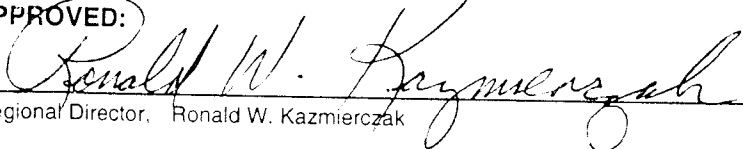
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Retirement Resolution for Joseph R. Hennlich

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:



 Regional Director, Ronald W. Kazmierczak

3/17/2009

 Date

 Administrator,

 Secretary, Matt Frank

 Date
4/9/09

 Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD-8
 Todd Vanden Heuvel - Green Bay

Retirement Resolution

Joe Hennlich retired from the Department of Natural Resources on January 20, 2009 with more than 30 years of dedicated service to the State of Wisconsin.

Joe began his career in June of 1978 as a Natural Resource Patrol Officer at Peninsula State Park. In September of 1979, Joe was promoted to Park Ranger at Potawatomi State Park. In September of 1982 he was promoted to a Park Supervisor II and served as the Law Enforcement Supervisor at Richard Bong State Recreation Area. He was subsequently reclassified to Park Supervisor III. During 1990, Joe served as the acting Supervisor of Big Foot Beach State Park. In August of 1991, Joe became the Park Superintendent at High Cliff State Park and earned the classification of Natural Resource Property Supervisor, remaining there for the rest of his career.

Joe cares deeply about the environment and believes genuinely in the benefits and values of outdoor recreation. He maintained positive community relations through his membership and involvement in local community organizations. He was particularly involved in local land-use planning. Joe practiced integrated resource management working with his colleagues in the Forestry and Wildlife programs to establish a 15-acre oak planting and a 7-acre grassland in the park. He also established an annual deer hunt to manage the over browsing of the park's flora.

Joe facilitated and supervised many improvements to the facilities and operations of High Cliff State Park including: the construction of a new park office/entrance station and handicapped accessible cabin. He facilitated the conversion of the High Cliff marina concession to a non-profit corporation. This conversion enabled extensive improvements to the High Cliff marina.

Joe guided a local interest group into forming The Friends of High Cliff State Park. This group provides annual funding for the interpretive position at the park, contributed to the construction of the handicapped accessible Butterfly Pond Trail and operates the General Store. Additional partnerships resulted in numerous special events in the park including: Winterfest, The High Cliff Triathlon, and The Great Pumpkin Event.

His common sense approach to complex challenges and his fairness to all earned him the respect of his staff and peers. His commitment to effective natural resource management and outstanding customer service is the lasting legacy of his career.

WHEREAS, Joseph R. Hennlich 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 April 2009 meeting at West Bend, 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