

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution - Richard K. Van Osch

FOR: AUGUST 2009 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Frank

SUMMARY:

Richard K. Van Osch retired from the Department on July 3, 2009 with 35 years of state service.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt retirement resolution for Richard K. Van Osch

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, Gloria L. McCutcheon

7-9-09

 Date

Administrator,


 Secretary, Matt Frank

 Date
7-14-09

 Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8
 Jerry Leiterman - KMSF-NU

Retirement Resolution

Richard K. Van Osch retired from the Department of Natural Resources on July 3, 2009, after 35 years of dedicated service. Rich started his career with the Department in 1969 as a Conservation Aide at the Kettle Moraine State Forest-Southern Unit. In 1974, he was hired as the Naturalist for the Southern Unit. In this position, Rich surveyed the forest for unique plant communities, archeological features including historical home sites and glacial features. In 1980, he moved to the Naturalist position at the Kettle Moraine State Forest-Northern Unit stationed at the Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center where he expanded his duties to include naturalist program presentations and guided nature hikes for forest visitors.

In 1984, Rich transferred to the Facilities Repair Worker-Advanced position at the Northern Unit and remained in this position for 25 years. The Northern Unit has benefited tremendously from Rich's creative design and craftsman quality carpentry skills. Rich rebuilt staff work areas, designed and constructed many property signs, and built brochure display cabinets to serve customers at the Southeast Region Headquarters and the Havenwoods Environmental Awareness Center. Since 1984, Rich has been responsible for the maintenance of over 80 buildings on the Northern Unit. Nearly 800,000 visitors use these facilities each year. Rich's hard work contributed to the upkeep, cleanliness and the excellent safety record of these facilities. Rich is a team player shown by his willingness to take on special assignments. Rich constructed the entrance signs for Lakeshore State Park, Wisconsin's newest state park on Milwaukee's Lake Michigan lakefront. These striking entrance signs will serve as a lasting testimony to Rich's abilities, skills and dedication to excellence.

WHEREAS, Richard K. Van Osch 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 August 2009 meeting at Hayward, 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