

# NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

**SUBJECT:** Retirement Resolution - Tim Mulhern

**FOR:** FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Secretary Matt Frank

**SUMMARY:**

Tim Mulhern is retiring January 16, 2009 after 30 years of state service.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Retirement Resolution for Tim Mulhern

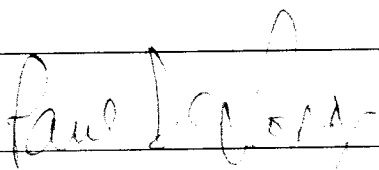
**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

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

- Yes  Attached
- Yes  Attached
- Yes  Attached

**APPROVED:**

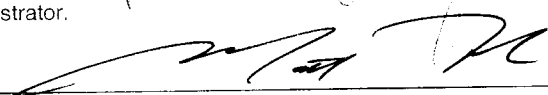
Bureau Director.



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1/23/09

Administrator.



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2/11/08

Secretary, Matt Frank

Date

## *Retirement Resolution*

Timothy Mulhern retired from state service on January 16, 2009 completing 30 years of service to the people of Wisconsin.

Tim began his career with the DNR in 1978 when he accepted a job as a project forester, having graduated from UW-Madison earlier that year with a degree in Forest Science. In 1979, he accepted his first permanent assignment as the Whitehall, Wisconsin Forester, overseeing activities on private lands in Trempealeau County, on state wildlife properties, and Perrot State Park.

In 1984 Tim transferred to Rhinelander and was promoted to Oneida County Liaison Forester and Assistant Area Forester. In 1992 Tim was promoted to Oneida County Work Unit Supervisor. Following the DNR reorganization in 1997, Tim became the Forest Ranger at Rhinelander, a position he held until 2001 when he became the Forestry Expert for the Northern Region. The following year he became the Forestry Leader for the Northern Region where he oversaw the work of more than 180 permanent and many additional seasonal staff. During his tenure, Tim developed the Northern Region's Five-Year Plan to complete tax law mandatory practice backlogs in response to the audit of the Forestry Account.

In 2003 Tim accepted the position as Deputy Administrator for the Division of Forestry in Madison, a position he held until his retirement five years later. Tim was responsible for managing the operations of the heavily decentralized Forestry Division. He helped the fledgling Forestry Operations Team develop into an effective team and worked on countless issues within the Forestry Division, with other DNR Divisions and with many external partners.

Throughout his career Tim built strong relationships with colleagues and customers. He has been highly valued for his people skills, problem solving, and ability to effectively engage others in working through difficult issues. In 1986, Tim lead a team that developed PlanTrac, a software program that tracks Managed Forest Law practices and is still in use today. In 1989, Tim was honored as the Service Forester of the Year, and received the State Forester's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Forestry. In 1996, Tim was the recipient of the Oneida County Firefighters Association Booster Award. Tim also received the S.W. Welsh Superior Accomplishment Award in 1999 for his work on the Private Forestry Study Team.

Tim has done much to protect and sustainably manage Wisconsin's forests. He has contributed through his work on the ground as a field forester, his work managing other field staff, and his tireless efforts as Deputy Administrator leading the entire Division.

WHEREAS, Timothy Mulhern has worked tirelessly over 30 years to serve the people of Wisconsin by protecting and sustainably managing the forests of the state,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Natural Resources Board at its February 2009 meeting in 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