

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Retirement Resolution for Gary L. Paplham

**FOR:** JUNE **BOARD MEETING**

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

**SUMMARY:**

Gary L. Paplham is retiring after 31 years of state Service.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Retirement Resolution for Gary L. Paplham

**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

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

- Yes  Attached
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**APPROVED:**

*Ronald Kaymer*  
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Regional Director,

5/04/09  
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Administrator,

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Secretary, Matt Frank

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cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8  
Todd VanDen Heuvel-NER

## *Retirement Resolution*

Gary L. Paplham will retire from the Department of Natural Resources on June 16, 2009, after more than 31 years of service to the people of the State of Wisconsin. Gary's career began as an Air Management Investigator in 1977. In 1979, he transferred to the Water Quality Section in the Northeast Region as a Water Pollution Specialist in the WPDES permit program.

In July 1980, Gary accepted the position of Water Supply Specialist in the Northeast Region. While in this position, Gary was responsible for implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act for small public water supplies in the region.

Gary's level of responsibility continued to increase to include being responsible for coordinating regional sampling programs, monitoring the construction of private wells, and the work of the licensed well drillers, and the implementation of well compensation in the region. Gary was a lead investigator in a groundwater contamination case involving MtBE contamination in the Village of Freedom and an animal waste contamination case in the Village of Wayside. The latter case led to the first use of well compensation funds being eligible for animal waste contamination. His expertise in the MtBE investigation was instrumental in providing the Village of Freedom with a municipal water supply.

Gary has always shown a high degree of professionalism and maintained the highest of standards in his work product. Gary has been an exceptional resource to his peers, and has always been there to help meet the goals of the Drinking Water Program. In addition, he has been the consummate team player in his profession. This type of professionalism and dedication, to his peers and to his program, has distinguished his career.

**WHEREAS**, Gary L. Paplham 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 June 2009 meeting at New Richmond, 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