

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution for Eileen Kramer

FOR: JUNE, 2009 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Frank

SUMMARY:

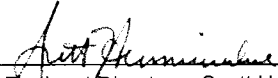
Eileen Kramer retired April 17, 2009, after more than 23 years of service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt resolution for Eileen Kramer.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

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| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Background Memo | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

APPROVED:



Regional Director, Scott Humrickhouse

5/11/09

Date

Administrator,

Date

Secretary, Matt Frank

Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8
Colleen Higgins-Eau Claire

Retirement Resolution

Eileen Kramer retired from the Department of Natural Resources on April 17, 2009, after completing more than 23 years of dedicated service to the State of Wisconsin.

Eileen began her career with the State of Wisconsin as a Program Assistant at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 1983. She worked for the UWEC Facilities Management Division and then for their News Bureau until 1990. True to her adventurous ways, Eileen moved to China and taught English writing and speaking skills at a university and at a business management institute from 1990 to 1992. Eileen then began her career with the Department of Natural Resources in April 1992 as an LTE for the Western District Environmental Response and Repair Program in Eau Claire. On November 16, 1992 Eileen was appointed to a permanent position as a Hydrogeologist in the Northeast District in Marinette. Eileen was later offered a Hydrogeologist position for the Western District and moved back to Eau Claire on May 29, 1994. Eileen held this position as Hydrogeologist project manager for remediating contaminated sites until her retirement. In 2002, Eileen was certified as a Professional Hydrologist in the state of Wisconsin by the Department of Regulations and Licensing. During her work as a Hydrogeologist Eileen was responsible for a large number and wide range of complex contaminated sites throughout the region.

As her career progressed, Eileen played an important role in many environmental and programmatic accomplishments. By the end of Eileen's remarkable career she was responsible for managing all Superfund cases in the West Central Region. Among some highlights of her work Eileen was effective in achieving significant cleanup progress at the Onalaska Landfill, National Presto Industries and the Tomah Sanitary Landfill. Not only was her work crucial in achieving environmental protection, due to the significant level of Superfund work that Eileen performed, she was responsible for substantially contributing to meeting the Department's federal grant commitments every year. After being assigned to all WCR Superfund cases and when budget cuts prevented the region from filling vacancies, Eileen also volunteered to continue project managing remediation and redevelopment cases in two counties. This spoke volumes on Eileen's unselfish nature by stepping up to take on additional responsibilities, particularly in times of need. Eileen had an instrumental role in shaping Remediation and Redevelopment Program policy by representing the WCR on the statewide Standards & Streamlining Team from 2001 until her retirement. As a member of this team Eileen was involved with major policy and guidance development of the overall program.

Eileen has been a great asset to the Remediation and Redevelopment program and the agency. Her technical expertise continued to grow and she welcomed the challenge of a constantly evolving profession. Eileen was always helpful to her fellow employees and served as a union representative for the Wisconsin Science Professionals for several years. Eileen will be missed as a co-worker and team player and for all her contributions to make this a better state to live in.

WHEREAS, Eileen Kramer's dedication, professionalism, competence and hard work has earned her the friendship and respect of her fellow employees and the public she served;

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