

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution-Donald Streiff

FOR: AUGUST 2007 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Scott Hassett

SUMMARY:

Donald Streiff will retire after more than 33 years of service to the citizens of the state of Wisconsin.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Retirement Resolution for Donald Streiff

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:

Scott Humrickhouse
Regional Director, Scott Humrickhouse

7/12/07
Date

Paul Delany
Administrator,

7/16/07
Date

Scott Hassett
Secretary, Scott Hassett

7/16/07
Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5
Colleen Higgins-Eau Claire

Retirement Resolution

Donald Streiff will retire from the Department of Natural Resources on January 9th, 2008, after completing more than thirty-three years of dedicated service to the State of Wisconsin.

Don began his career with the Department in 1974 as a trainee at Black River Falls. Within a year, his first assignment took him to Appleton, working in Calumet and Outagamie counties assisting private landowners. In 1977 he transferred to Viroqua and again provided forestry assistance to private landowners in Vernon County. His final career move took him to Neillsville in 1981 where he assumed duties both in the private forestry program as well as managing the Clark County Forest acreage. Don remained in Neillsville until retiring in 2008.

Don worked extensively in partnership with the Clark County Forestry and Parks Department in managing the county's 132,000+ acres of forest. His efforts will have long-term, positive impact on the forest ecosystem of the county and state. Don assisted many private woodland owners in forest management activities to reach their forest stewardship objectives. On numerous occasions Don received commendation for his organization skills and forest management accomplishments. He supervised two other forestry staff members at the Neillsville office for many years. Don was trained and qualified as a Planning Section Chief on the Black River Falls Area Incident Management Team. This team coordinates emergency response efforts for large forest fires. Don gained valuable experience assisting federal agencies on numerous out-of-state assignments. Most notable was in 2005 with an assignment as Resource Unit Leader in Texas at the Katrina Hurricane disaster, and in Wisconsin as Plans Section Chief coordinating assistance at the Stoughton tornado.

As part of the Black River Falls forestry team, Don was well liked and respected by his fellow foresters. He filled vital roles in all the various Forestry Division programs and was always willing to help out with other Department programs. As an example, Don held special law enforcement credentials and provided assistance to the wildlife and law enforcement programs. In true team effort, for many years Don helped coordinate an annual week-long forestry field exercise known as "Popple Camp."

WHEREAS, the dedication and commitment of Donald Streiff have earned him the respect and admiration of the public, co-workers and partners of the Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Natural Resources Board at its August 2007 meeting at Bayfield, 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