

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Memorial Resolution-David A. Weitz

**FOR:** AUGUST, 2007 **BOARD MEETING**

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Scott Hassett

**SUMMARY:**

David A. Weitz served the citizens of the State of Wisconsin for more than 28 years before passing away July 9, 2007.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Memorial Resolution for David A. Weitz

**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

7/31/07  
Date

Administrator  
*Scott Hassett*  
Secretary, Scott Hassett

Date  
8/6/07  
Date

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

## Memorial Resolution

David A. Weitz, of rural Rock Falls, Wisconsin passed away Monday, July 9, 2007 at the age of 63. Dave began his career with the Department in 1979 and had been stationed in Eau Claire his entire career.

In his position Dave was a media contact, citizen involvement coordinator and educator. Nine times out of ten if you heard that the DNR was going to be on the news, Dave was the person in front of the cameras speaking for the Department.

Dave was passionate about the mission of the Department and his integrity and honesty with the media earned him their trust.

Dave had a gentle, caring heart, contagious laugh and soothing way about him that was a big part of the glue that bound our public affairs staff together. He was a sounding board for many and wise counsel.

Dave was the face and voice of the Department for many throughout western Wisconsin. He was a living history book and his institutional memory was legendary. He was a fascinating person to talk with because he had experienced so much during his career and loved to tell the stories of those experiences.

Dave was generous with his time, always putting people ahead of the artificial constraints that drive the rest of us to crank up the pace (and level of stress). He seemed to never be in a hurry. For Dave, there was no eight-hour day; only the work that needed to be done and the people who needed him.

Dave touched so many people throughout his life because he sincerely cared and that sincerity was so genuine and strong that we knew . . . we knew he cared, and that touched us. He was a kind and thoughtful man - a man of grace and integrity - and a dear friend. We are all blessed for having been touched by him.

**WHEREAS**, David A. Weitz has earned the admiration and respect of his colleagues and will be missed, but not forgotten;

**WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD**, assembled at Bayfield, Wisconsin on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2007, hereby express our respect and appreciation for the services David A. Weitz gave to the people of the State of Wisconsin he so ably represented. This memorial resolution is made a part of the official Board Records.

*Natural Resources Board*

Christine L. Thomas, Chair