

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution for Chuck Hammer

FOR: DECEMBER **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Chuck Hammer will retire with over 33 years of service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin. A retirement resolution is attached.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt retirement resolution for Chuck Hammer.

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:

Richard L. Prossie
Bureau Director,

October 1, 2007
Date

Administrator,
[Signature]
Secretary, Matt Frank

Date
10/3/07
Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5

Retirement Resolution

WHEREAS, Chuck Hammer is retiring from the Department of Natural Resources January 11, 2008 after completing more than thirty-three years of service to the Department and the State of Wisconsin. Chuck joined the Department on June 15, 1974.

Chuck's earliest responsibilities included working with the Air and Solid Waste Management programs. After several years, his responsibilities shifted to providing legal counsel to all programs within what is now the Bureau of Watershed Management. In 1983 metallic mining regulation was added to his responsibilities. He continued to serve the Watershed Management program and the Metallic Mining Statewide Team until his retirement. Throughout his career, he specialized in representing the Department on larger projects that involved multiple regulatory actions.

Air and Solid Waste Management. In addition to routine regulatory actions associated with new regulatory programs, Chuck provided legal counsel in the permitting of several large power plants and controversial landfills. He also was instrumental in the adopting of early program administrative rules, including the first regulation of PCBs.

Watershed Management. Chuck provided legal counsel in the promulgation of many of the administrative rules that presently govern Watershed Management activities. The list of rules includes the waste load allocation program applicable to the State's largest rivers, the aquatic plant management program, five water-quality-based grant programs, as well as significant participation in the promulgation of all of the Department's water quality standards and non-point pollution administrative rules. He was the principal adjudicator in a variety of highly contested wastewater permitting hearings, including the most recent activity over the controversial expansion of the Oak Creek power plant,

Mining. Chuck represented the Department on all metallic mining permit applications processed under the mining law, including the Exxon application in the mid-1980s, the Flambeau mine project in the early 1990s and finally the long-term review of the Crandon mine application. He also represented the Department in negotiations over legislation that came to be known as the Mining Moratorium Law, as well as numerous revisions to mining-related administrative codes.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Natural Resources Board at its December 2007 meeting at 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