

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution - Ronald Grasshoff

FOR: JUNE 2010 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Ronald Grasshoff will retire on August 20, 2010 with over 20 years of service.

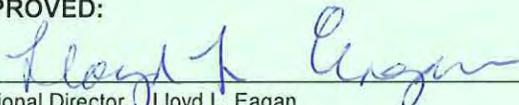
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt retirement resolution for Ronald Grasshoff

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:



 Regional Director, Lloyd L. Eagan

May 17, 2010

 Date

Administrator,



 Secretary, Matt Frank

 Date
6-7-10

 Date

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 Lloyd Eagan - Fitchburg
 Russ Anderson - Fitchburg
 Debbie Kundert - Fitchburg

Retirement Resolution

Ronald Grasshoff is retiring from the Department of Natural Resources on August 20, 2010 after completing over 20 years of dedicated service to the State of Wisconsin.

Ron began his career with the Department of Natural Resources as an Environmental Specialist for the Southern District's Drinking Water program on August 13, 1990.

In 1992, Ron joined the South Central Region's Water Regulation and Zoning (WRZ) program. Ron's proudest accomplishment of his career came during his time as a WRZ Specialist when he played an instrumental role in removing the four dams on the Baraboo River. The last dam was removed in 2002 making the Baraboo River dam free for 120 miles, the longest river restoration in the United States.

In 1999, Ron joined the Region's Environmental Analysis & Review (EAR) program. One of the first projects Ron worked on was the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WisDOT) proposal to build a bridge where the Merrimac Ferry is located between Columbia and Sauk counties. Through Ron's work with the EAR program, WisDOT determined that the best course of action was to enlarge the ferry's capacity and not build a bridge. Due to the absence of a bridge, many untold acres of the Baraboo Hills were not subject to development, which would have severely impacted the Baraboo Hills National Natural Scenic Landmark, the largest hardwood forest in the upper Midwest.

Ron also played an instrumental role in developing the EAR wetland review team, which developed standards that are more geared towards developing higher quality wetland mitigation sites developed by WisDOT.

Ron has made many other contributions to protect the natural resources such as wildlife passages under roads, negotiating with WisDOT to purchase 92 acres at Gibraltar Rock, mitigation for impacts to a state natural area in Mirror Lake State Park, and helping communities with land use plans. Ron's ability to develop partnerships with other agencies has gone a long way towards building long lasting partnerships.

In 2008, Ron received the Lou Posekany Award as the EAR program's outstanding employee, and a "Dream Team" Pride Award for work the Lake Delton dam failure.

WHEREAS, Ron Grasshoff 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 2010 meeting at Fitchburg, Wisconsin, recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

Natural Resources Board

Jonathan P. Ela, CHAIR