

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

**SUBJECT:** Retirement resolutions

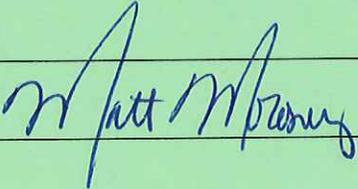
**FOR:** May 2013

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Secretary Stepp

**SUMMARY:** The Department requests the following employees be recognized and commended for faithful and exemplary public service:

<b>Employee</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>
1. Tim Parsons	23
2. Thomas Jerow	33

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board adopt the retirement resolutions for May 2013.

Approved by	Signature	Date
, Bureau Director N/A		
, Administrator N/A		
Cathy Stepp, Secretary		5/8/13

cc: Board Liaison - AD/8

## Retirement Resolution

Timothy Parsons, grant manager in Madison, will retire from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on June 28, 2013 after 23 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

Tim began his State Service in March 1967 at the Department of Administration as a Budget Analyst. After serving in the Vietnam War from August 1967 to April 1969, Tim resumed work at the Budget Bureau until 1974 and then was hired by the Department of Revenue as an analyst working on legislation until 1976. In October 1994, Tim returned to State Service at the DNR Bureau of Community Financial Assistance: first as a Limited Term Employee as a Community Service Specialist 2 working in Environmental Loans and then as a project employee working with the Nonpoint Source grant program beginning in 1996. On September 28, 1998, Tim was hired as a permanent Natural Resources Financial Assistance Specialist-Objective employee in the Nonpoint Source grant program. Tim was reclassified to the Senior level on July 2, 2000.

During his time with the Bureau of Community Financial Assistance, Tim helped administer the Priority Watershed Grant Program and was solely responsible for administration of the Targeted Runoff Management, Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water, and Notice of Discharge Grant Programs responsible for \$28 million, and the Recreational Trails Aids Grant Programs responsible for \$2.8 million per year, respectively. Tim is most proud of his collaboration with staffs in the Water Division's Runoff Management Program and the numerous County Land Conservation Departments; they collectively created and revised these grant programs, provided grant assistance to help prevent both rural and urban runoff, thereby improving Wisconsin's waters, preserving lands, and protecting public health. Tim also cares deeply about recreational trail opportunities, from hiking to bicycling, and has worked with staffs from DNR, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

WHEREAS, Timothy Parsons 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 May 2013 meeting recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, wishes Timothy a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

Natural Resources Board

Preston D. Cole, Chair

## **Retirement Resolution**

Thomas Jerow, Northern Water Leader in Rhinelander, retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on January 18, 2013 after 33 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

For most of his career Tom worked in Northern Wisconsin in Brule and Rhinelander. He spent half of his career working in the Air and Waste Division on solid waste, superfund, recycling, and industrial waste. In the 1990's Tom began working in the Water Division, first as a Basin Leader and then as Northern Region Water Leader in Rhinelander. He believed strongly in program integration and worked closely with the Forestry and Lands Divisions to maintain and improve water quality.

Tom's passion for Northern Wisconsin is reflected with his work on the decades long project called the Northern Initiatives. Tom developed numerous grass-roots partnerships in an effort to "Keep the North the North".

For over twenty years Tom was a manager and supervisor. Tom was involved in recruiting, hiring, encouraging, and retaining literally hundreds of quality professional staff. His decision to retire is partly based on the confidence he has in this new generation of DNR staff.

WHEREAS, Thomas Jerow 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 May 2013 meeting recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, wishes Thomas a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

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Preston D. Cole, Chair