

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

**SUBJECT:** Retirement Resolutions

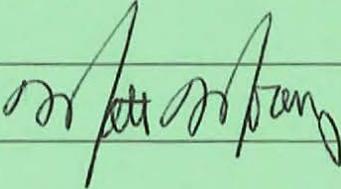
**FOR:** October 2014 Board meeting

**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. Ronald W. Cork	29
2. Marcia Frost-Vahradian	30
3. James Storandt	29

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board adopt the retirement resolutions for October 2014.

<b>Approved by</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
, Bureau Director N/A		
, Administrator N/A		
Cathy Stepp, Secretary		10/7/14

cc: Board Liaison - AD/8

## Retirement Resolution

Ronald W. Cork is retiring from the Department of Natural Resources on January 19, 2015 after completing more than 29 years of dedicated service to the State of Wisconsin.

Ronald's career with the Department of Natural Resources began in the spring of 1981 with an internship with Larry Kriese. Ronald worked as a County Warden in Outagamie County and as a Law Enforcement Park Ranger at Northern Highlands State Forest from 1981-1983. Ronald then worked for the State of Ohio as Game Protector in (Ashtabula County) from January of 1983 to January of 1986. In 1986, Ronald returned to Wisconsin and was appointed as a full time Conservation Warden. He was assigned to the Neillsville station from August of 1986 to 1990, Durand station from 1990 to 1991 when he was promoted to Warden Supervisor in Black River Falls. Ronald transferred to the Recruit Warden Supervisor in 2004 where he remained until his retirement in January 2015.

Ronald served Wisconsin in his capacity as a law enforcement officer, but was active in training Conservation Wardens. Ronald coordinated curriculum, managed instructor needs and supervised recruits in the DNR Basic Law Enforcement Academy. He was instrumental in creating a fitness program that continues to be used today in the training program and hiring process.

**WHEREAS**, Ronald W. Cork 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 October meeting at, Madison, Wisconsin, recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, wishes Ronald 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**

Marcia Frost-Vahradian, Senior Forester in Wautoma, retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on July 25, 2014 after 30 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, Marcia dedicated her career to protect and sustainably manage Wisconsin's forests. Marcia was an active member of the Department's Public Awareness Committee, where she shared her enthusiasm and skill in promoting sound forestry. She received the Wisconsin Forester of the Year award because of her extraordinary efforts in promoting sound forestry to Wisconsin's woodland owners.

Marcia's passion for forestry outreach and education spreads far beyond her career as a public servant. She served as president of the state chapter of WWOA for two years, was a Board member for eight years, and is still active today. Throughout her career she was very active in the American Tree Farm System, certifying 199 Tree Farms in just 15 years, an act unprecedented in Wisconsin. She worked with Waushara County Schools to help the community recognize the educational, environmental, and economic value of their school forests. Marcia is highly regarded as a technical expert and an advocate for sound forest management in Waushara County and champions sustainable forestry in Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, Marcia Frost-Vahradian 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 October 2014 meeting recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, wishes Marcia 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

James Storandt, Natural Resources Supervisor in Wisconsin Rapids, retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on December 1, 2014 after 29 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

Since November 25, 1985 Mr. Storandt has provided steadfast leadership and devotion to reforestation in the State of Wisconsin. As a nursery supervisor during his entire tenure, Jim oversaw the employment of thousands of local citizens, assisted in producing over 472,375,000 seedlings statewide and participated in numerous studies, forums and committees.

Jim has been an example of professionalism and expertise to other nursery managers, foresters, landowners and international delegations. His open mindedness and positive attitude have had an extraordinary impact on Wisconsin's forests and its future.

WHEREAS, James Storandt 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 October 2014 meeting recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, wishes James a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

*Natural Resources Board*

Preston D. Cole, Chair