

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

SUBJECT: Retirement resolutions

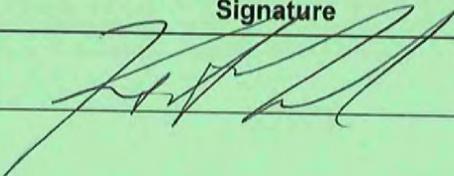
FOR: May 2016 Board meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Stepp

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

Employee	Years of Service
1. Randal J. Cooper	25
2. Ted Huber	03
3. Christopher J. Rucinski	35

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt the retirement resolution(s) for May 2016.

Approved by	Signature	Date
Cathy Stepp, Secretary		05/11/16

Retirement Resolution

Randal J. Cooper, Forester in Sturtevant, retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on January 24, 2014 after 25 1/2 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

Randy became interested in forestry as a Boy Scout and as a Youth Conservation Camper. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from the University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point in 1981.

Randy worked as a Forestry Technician in Arizona and as an Arborist in Waukesha prior to coming to DNR. After training in northern Wisconsin, he was permanently assigned to a forestry position at the Bong State Recreation Area in Kansasville. The forestry office was later moved to Sturtevant, where he was stationed until his retirement. Randy spent most of his career in private forestry, working with landowners in Kenosha, Racine and Walworth Counties. Throughout his career Randy was an active member of the Society of American Foresters and Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association. Randy enjoyed the public awareness side of forestry, and helped to plan and host numerous events and presentations. Randy is especially proud of his involvement with the annual Southeast Wisconsin Woodland Owner Conference. Randy felt he had the greatest job in the world.

WHEREAS, Randal J. Cooper 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 2016 meeting recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, wishes Randal a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

Natural Resources Board

Terry N. Hilgenberg, Chair

Retirement Resolution

Ted Huber, Facility Repair Worker in Peninsula State Park, retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on April 13, 2016 after 3 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

Ted Huber provided significant maintenance contribution to the facilities and grounds at Peninsula State Park. Ted provided services to assist with the upkeep of buildings, grounds, trails and improved the customer experience at the busiest camping destination in the Wisconsin State Park System. Ted shared his knowledge and worked through a variety of project improvements.

WHEREAS, Ted Huber 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 2016 meeting recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, wishes Ted a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

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Retirement Resolution

Christopher J. Rucinski, Forester in Barron, retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on December 30, 2015 after 35 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

In July of 1980, Chris began his career with the DNR as a trainee in Tomahawk Wisconsin. In September 1980 he transferred to Webster. In February 1981, he transferred to Barron where he worked as a forester on private and public lands for the rest of his DNR career.

Throughout his career, Chris was a very practical, contentious, hard working forester serving the citizens of Barron County. Chris was quite the “bulldog” in the woods and would not quit until the job was done, often working long days above and beyond the call of duty. He really cares about applying sustainable forestry to the land. Chris was often depended upon by the public and co-workers for his advice on hardwood management and private forestry issues. Chris’s gentle, patient and friendly demeanor made him a joy to work with.

Chris has tirelessly served the general public and his colleagues in a spirit of professionalism, courtesy and dedication throughout his career. Projects and relationships that Chris has cultivated will continue to grow, and the public will benefit from Chris’s service for years to come.

WHEREAS, Christopher J. Rucinski 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 2016 meeting recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, wishes Christopher a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

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Terry N. Hilgenberg, Chair