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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.A.3

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution for Charles Burney

FOR: APRIL 2008 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Matthew Frank

SUMMARY:

Charles (Chuck) Burney retired in 2007 with over 30 years of service to citizens of the State of Wisconsin. A retirement resolution is atached.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt retirement resolution for Charles Burney.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

No	☑	Fiscal Estimate Required	Yes	☐	Attached
No	☑	Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required	Yes	☐	Attached
No	☑	Background Memo	Yes	☐	Attached

APPROVED:

Russell Rasmussen — 3/13/2008
Bureau Director, Russell Rasmussen — Date

Administrator, Todd Ambs — Date

Secretary, Matt Frank — 4/1/08 Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5

Retirement Resolution

Charles (Chuck) G. Burney retired from the Department of Natural Resources in 2007 having provided over 30 years of honorable and valuable service in improving public health, water quality and natural resources-related facilities in the state. After earning a degree in engineering, Chuck served for 2 years in the Peace Corps in Kenya, Africa. Subsequently, he worked for the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, then earned a Masters Degree in Water Resources Management from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Chuck's career with the Department began in June 1977 when he was hired as a wastewater plan review engineer. After three years, Chuck was promoted to a supervisor having responsibility over wastewater projects within the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD). During this period, Chuck played a significant roll in the litigation that lead to the stipulation between the State and the MMSD in 1982 and initiated the MMSD's Water Pollution Abatement Program. Following appointment as the Municipal Wastewater Section Chief in 1983, Chuck provided continuing leadership for MMSD projects as well as many other municipal wastewater collection and treatment facilities all across the state.

In July 1992, Chuck embarked on a significant change in his career at the Department. He was appointed Chief of the Engineering Design Section in the Bureau of Property Management. In this position, he was responsible for directing the design and construction of buildings and facilities on Department properties across the state and obtaining approval for projects from the State Building Commission. He worked with staff engineers, architects and consultants on projects that created and improved recreational opportunities for visitors to state parks, trails, and other fish and wildlife areas.

Chuck returned to the wastewater program in June 2001, becoming the lead person in the Bureau of Watershed Management overseeing projects within the MMSD system. In 2002, Chuck was on the team that successfully negotiated a settlement of over $900 million to resolve sanitary sewer overflow violations by MMSD and worked with other staff in directing additional facilities planning work to assure continued improvements in the MMSD system. In 2005, Chuck was on the negotiating team that successfully settled claims against 29 communities named as defendants in a lawsuit against MMSD for alleged unlawful sanitary sewer overflows. The settlement is the first in the country where communities discharging to a regional wastewater system have been the subject of enforcement action for their contributions to the illegal discharges.

Chuck's work, expertise and low-key, laid-back style made him a person with whom anyone could work. He is respected by his peers and by those who were subject to enforcement action. Chuck has been a valuable asset to the Department and the State of Wisconsin and was always effective in accomplishing the objectives of the program for which he worked.

WHEREAS, Charles G. Burney has served the people of the State of Wisconsin faithfully and well in the performance of duties and has earned the commendation due an exemplary public employee;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Natural Resources Board at its April 2008 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