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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.A.6

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution for Gary Eldred

FOR: DECEMBER, 2008 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Gary Eldred will retire on October 31, 2008 from the Department of Natural Resources with over 28 years of dedicated service to the people of Wisconsin.

RECOMMENDATION:

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:

Lloyd L Eagan
Regional Director, — Date 10/23/08

Administrator, — Date

Secretary, Matt Frank — Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8
Joseph VandeHey - Boscobel
Debbie Kundert - Fitchburg

Retirement Resolution

Gary Eldred, Forestry Technician, retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on October 31st, 2008 after more than 28 years of service.

Gary began his career with the Department of Natural Resources in June1980 at the F.G. Wilson State Nursery. Gary served as a Forestry Technician for more than 28 years and during that time was directly involved in the production of more than 100 million seedlings. One of the biggest contributions Gary made was in the area of seed collection and processing. Gary has vast knowledge and interest in seed collection and processing, and in his years of service collected thousands of pounds of seed from over 40 different species of hardwood trees and wildlife shrubs. Over the years, the variety of species grown has increased and Gary was ready, willing and able to find the seed, which often involved climbing trees to get to the seed. Gary's true passion is prairie, and throughout his career he has had the opportunity to offer his expertise both to the nursery and the Department.

Prior to his career at the F.G. Wilson State Nursery, Gary spent 7 years working LTE positions on the Sugar River Bike Trail, at New Glarus Woods State Park, for the Bureau of Endangered Resources, and for Wildlife Management.

Gary's 28 plus years of service to the people of the State of Wisconsin are much appreciated, and he will be missed as a vital member of the F.G. Wilson State Nursery team.

WHEREAS, Gary A. Eldred 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 December 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