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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.A.7

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution - Willard I. Dilley

FOR: DECEMBER 2008 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Willard I Dilley is retiring January 2, 2009 after 20 years of service.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Retirement Resolution for Willard I. Dilley

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:

Regional Director, — Date 11/25/08

Administrator, — Date

Secretary, Matt Frank — Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8
Lloyd Eagan - Fitchburg
Debbie Kundert - Fitchburg

Retirement Resolution

Willard Dilley retired on January 2, 2009 as a Forestry Technician – Advanced. He was employed at Wilson Nursery in the South Central Region at Boscobel. Willard provided 20 years of dedicated service to the people and natural resources of the State of Wisconsin in permanent status, and an additional 20 years in seasonal limited term jobs.

Willard started work for the Department as a Limited Term Employee at Wilson Nursery in 1968. From 1968 until 1988 he worked at Wilson Nursery for the Division of Forestry, or Wildlife Management.

Willard began full time employment with the Department in August of 1988 as a Forestry Technician. In 1995, Willard was promoted to a Forestry Technician 4 serving as the Nursery Foreman.

In July of 2003, Willard accepted a Forestry Technician – Advanced position with forestry and fire control duties. This career change required many hours of training and development of fire and forestry skills, willingly completed over a number of years. Since 2003, he spent the majority of his efforts in forest fire prevention and forest management. He spent many hours actively suppressing forest fires, maintaining vehicles and tools in fire ready condition, training fire departments in the various aspects of safe wildfire fighting, and maintaining fire fighting hand tools. He promoted fire safety in parades, fairs, and school programs. Willard spent many hours during the summer of 2007 managing the fuel reduction grant for the Muscoda pines area including tracking budgets and organizing pine thinning on many small properties. This effort significantly improved public safety and reduced fire hazard in the target area. Additionally, Willard marked many acres of timber sales, and timber stand improvement, and assisted landowners with tree planting.

One of the highlights of Willard's career with the Department of Natural Resources was being selected for the Forestry Technician of the Year in 1998. The award was based on Willard's willing acceptance of duties above and beyond his position description: for example, Willard managed the nursery during 1997 while the Nursery Manager position was open. He took pride in his years of experience at the nursery as evidenced by the superior care and maintenance he gave to the plant stock, equipment, and the grounds and facilities. Willard's work ethic was demonstrated when he served as the Boscobel Ranger, providing initial attack on wildfires in the Boscobel Forest Response Unit during periods when the Ranger's position was vacant.

WHEREAS, Willard Dilley 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