

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution - Danial J Heath

FOR: JANUARY 2008 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Daniel J Heath, after 33 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Wisconsin is retiring. Dan served as a forest ranger and real estate specialist in the northern third of the state for the length of his career. His love for the outdoors, and his selfless dedication to the resources made him an exemplary employee.

Dan's work in real estate netted the Department many beautiful tracts of land, including property on the Menominee and Peshtigo Rivers and the Wild Rivers of Marinette and Florence Counties. His work on the streambank protection of the Manitowoc River has greatly improved water quality in the area. Dan never turned down an assignment, no matter how simple or complex. His ability to react quickly to real estate issues was appreciated by many a supervisor.

RECOMMENDATION: Acceptance of the retirement resolution of Dan Heath.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

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| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Background Memo | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

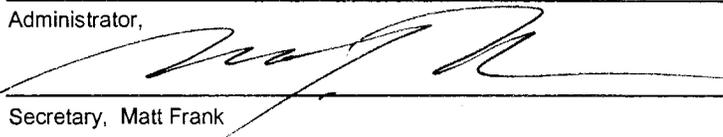
APPROVED:



Regional Director,

12/21/2007

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Administrator,


Secretary, Matt Frank

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cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5

Retirement Resolution

Dan Heath, Real Estate Specialists – Senior in the Northeast Region, is retiring from state service after thirty-three years of dedicated service to the citizens of Wisconsin. Dan started his career in 1974 as a Forester – Ranger in Ladysmith and he also served in this capacity at Mercer and Whiting until July 1992. He was involved in fire control and private lands forestry, as well as serving for five years as a supervisor. In addition to protecting the Northwood's from forest fires and establishing timber sales, while at Whiting Dan trained and provided leadership to the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point firefighting team who were used on large forest fires throughout Wisconsin.

In 1992 Dan transferred to the Real Estate program in Marinette. The Marinette Office was eventually moved to Peshtigo and Dan played a significant role as the Department liaisons between the contractor and department engineers. As a Real Estate Specialist, Dan was involved in many significant state acquisitions including Governor Thompson State Park, the Peshtigo River State Forest and the Wild Rivers Legacy Forest in northern Wisconsin. Dan also served as the project manager of the Pike Wild River and made significant contributions to the management of this resource by establishing parking areas and access points while preserving the wild character of the river. Dan developed signage to explain the management philosophy of the wild rivers program and contributed greatly to the acceptance of the program by the public.

During his real estate career Dan lead the non-point easement program in Manitowoc County providing guidance to managers and acquiring many acres of stream buffer to protect the water quality of Lake Michigan in a highly agricultural area. Dan also provided statewide leadership in the conveyed easement program by establishing standardized fee charges and guidance for the sale of conveyed easements. In addition Dan served on the Peshtigo River State Forest and Governor Thompson State Park master planning teams and also served as the safety officer on the Peshtigo Dispatch Group Fire Incident Management Team. Dan continued to utilize his forester-ranger skill during his real estate career by participating in numerous prescribed burns in the Upper Green Bay Basin. Dan came every morning to work with his boots on and his sleeves rolled up, ready to work. He accepted some of the most difficult appraisal assignments and accomplished his work in a professional manner. He set a high standard for the appraisal industry.

WHEREAS, Daniel J. Heath 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 January 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