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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.A.2

SUBJECT: RETIREMENT RESOLUTION FOR ARDEN R. PINKERT

FOR: JUNE 2008 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY:

SUMMARY:

ARDEN R. PINKERT WILL RETIRE FROM THE DEPARTMENT ON JULY 24, 2008, AFTER MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE AIR MONITORING PROGRAM IN SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN.

RECOMMENDATION: BOARD APPROVAL AND ADOPTION

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:

Bureau Director, — Date 4/25/08

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Administrator, — Date 4/25/08

Secretary, Matt Frank — Date 6/9/08

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5

Retirement Resolution

Arden R. Pinkert will retire from the Department of Natural Resources on July 24, 2008, after 30 years of dedicated service to the State of Wisconsin.

Art began his career in July, 1977, in the Milwaukee Air Monitoring Section. Art received an associate degree in chemistry from the Milwaukee Institute of Technology. Art progressed to the position of Air Management Specialist - Senior. He served as the Leadworker for the field operations unit responsible for set-up and maintenance of the ambient air monitoring network in southeast Wisconsin. Art became an expert in the field of particulate emissions and was responsible for operations at six of the nine Southeast Region particulate sites.

Art contributed to the Air Monitoring Program's success in meeting objectives for precision, accuracy and data completeness. Art kept pace with the technological changes that evolved over his 30-year career. Art frequently engineered solutions to problems unique to the Wisconsin environment, ensuring that equipment was performing to specifications in all types of weather and often performed equipment calibrations in the extreme heat and bitter cold. He used his mechanical aptitude to recognize problematic conditions, identify solutions and perform corrective action avoiding critical equipment failures.

Art was skilled at working with internal contacts, federal personnel and local government officials to complete projects. Art was always quick to demonstrate appreciation for their assistance. That appreciation could be a personal phone call or other gesture that showed Art's sincere gratitude. Such actions allowed Art to build strong working relationships with colleagues.

Art's positive attitude and focus on completing tasks in a timely and efficient manner reinforced the Wisconsin Air Monitoring Program's reputation as one of the best air monitoring operations in the country.

WHEREAS, Arden R. Pinkert 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 June 2008 meeting at Waupaca, 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