

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Retirement resolution - Lowell H. Tesky

FOR: OCTOBER 2009 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Lowell H. Tesky will retire after more than 30 years of service to the citizens of the state of Wisconsin.

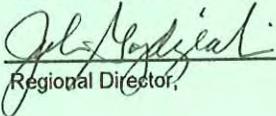
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Retirement Resolution for Lowell H. Tesky

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

- No Fiscal Estimate Required
- No Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required
- No Background Memo

- Yes Attached
- Yes Attached
- Yes Attached

APPROVED:



 Regional Director,

08-13-2009

 Date

Administrator,


 Secretary, Matt Frank

 Date
8-25-09

 Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8
 Susan Krantz- NOR Spooner

Retirement Resolution

Lowell Henry Tesky will be retiring from the Department of Natural Resources on December 30, 2009 after working for over 30 years serving the citizens of the State of Wisconsin in the natural resources field.

Lowell began his work with the Department on July 27, 1979 as a seasonal Natural Resources Assistant II in the Forestry program stationed at the Winter Ranger Station in Sawyer County of the Northwest District. He continued working in this classification and location through 1986 with a change to a full time permanent appointment in August of 1982. In August of 1986 Lowell was re-classified to the position of Forestry Technician I, with his assignment remaining at the Winter Ranger Station. The primary duties of his early Forestry positions involved assisting in the fire control program manning fire towers and operating fire management equipment to assist with suppression of wild fire. Other responsibilities included administration and establishment of timber sales on county and state forest lands and maintaining the Tuscobia State Trail;

Lowell took a lateral transfer to Hayward in November of 1987 for a short stint working as a seasonal Nursery Technician I at the Hayward Nursery. In May of 1988 he took a voluntary demotion to the position of seasonal Natural Resources Assistant II in wildlife management stationed at Hayward and was reclassified to the wildlife technician series in 1990. Lowell continued working for the Department in wildlife management stationed at Hayward for the remaining 21 years of his career retiring with the position title of Natural Resources Technician - Advanced. His duties as a wildlife technician have been widely varied including such diverse work as nuisance bear trapping, beaver dam blasting, deer, bear and turkey registration, wildlife disease sampling, ag. damage permit issuance, assisting with deer eradication in the CWD zones, elk trapping, prescribed burning and conducting wildlife surveys on a variety of species ranging in size from spring peepers to black bears. He has been responsible for day to day management and maintenance of five Wildlife Management Areas in Sawyer County totaling about 5000 acres. Lowell has always shown a great degree of cooperation with other functions and other resource management agencies helping out whenever and wherever he was requested.

He always worked well with the public providing professional advice and response to the entire gamut of wildlife questions and situations that often spring up on a moments notice.

Lowell did a truly outstanding job working with endangered and threatened species especially Trumpeter swans, bald eagles and ospreys. Lowell began conducting aerial eagle and osprey breeding surveys in 1988 throughout northwest Wisconsin and has continued with that effort every year since, right up through this past spring.

In addition to the survey work he joined up with a team of like minded professionals who were involved with moving eagle and osprey chicks from Wisconsin to out of state locations for reintroductions of these species where they had been extirpated. His name appears on eagle inter-state translocation records beginning in 1992 with the last eaglets being translocated in 2006. He also has been helping to capture and translocate ospreys from 1996 thru 2009.

WHEREAS, Lowell H. Tesky 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 October 2009 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