

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution for Jonathan D. Stone

FOR: OCTOBER, 2009 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Frank

SUMMARY:

Jonathan Stone retired July 22, 2009 after 29 years of service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

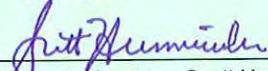
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt resolution for Jonathan Stone.

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, Scott Humrickhouse

9/10/09

 Date

 Administrator,


 Secretary, Matt Frank

 Date
10-1-09

 Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8
Colleen Higgins-Eau Claire

Retirement Resolution

Jonathan Stone retired from the Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry on July 22nd, 2009 after completing twenty-nine years of dedicated service to the State of Wisconsin.

Jonathan began his career with the Department in 1980 at the Nekoosa Ranger Station. In late 1981 he transferred to Fairchild as Forester Ranger. Jonathan was in charge of the forest fire suppression program in portions of Eau Claire, Clark and Jackson counties. He was located at the Fairchild Ranger Station until in 2002 the station was moved to a new Ranger Station located at Augusta. Jonathan helped coordinate the development of this new facility and it will serve Wisconsin residents for decades to come. Jonathan remained in the Augusta Forester Ranger position until retiring in 2009.

Jonathan worked extensively in partnership with the fire service throughout the Fairchild/Augusta Fire Response Unit (FRU) and regards this as his most gratifying work. He worked closely with volunteer fire departments to provide forest fire training and financial assistance through state grant programs. Jonathan knew the fire service well, as he was a volunteer fire fighter himself serving on the Fairchild Fire Department for much of his professional career time. Many spring seasons he would be suppressing forest fires by day and responding to structure fires as a volunteer at all hours of the night. This connection with the volunteer fire service had tremendous benefits to the state by making his forest fire work all the more effective. Jonathan knew the fire chiefs personally and was widely respected for his knowledge and experience. His years of service in the same FRU allowed him to know many of the residents throughout his territory. It is estimated that Jonathan responded to more than 1000 fires during his career and recalls details on many of them.

The Augusta FRU is a Level of Protection 1 Area for forest fire suppression with pine/oak barrens-type habitat on sandy soils. Development of large forest fires was possible most spring seasons. Notable fires during Jonathan's career included Canoe Landing Fire, Canoe Landing II Fire and the Horse Creek Fire. Jonathan was a critical part of the Black River Falls Area Incident Management Team filling the Operations Section Chief role for large fire incidents. He coordinated training for these type incidents through simulation and Mock Fire exercises that included many agencies. Jonathan was instrumental in the development of a structural mapping project in Eau Claire County that is used extensively by all emergency response agencies.

Jonathan was nominated in 1992 for the State Forester's Award and again in 2004 for the West Central Region Outstanding Service Award. On numerous occasions he received commendations and letters of thanks for his work in the forest fire program. Jonathan supervised two Forestry Technicians for many years while at the Fairchild Station. As part of the Eau Claire Forestry Team Jonathan was well liked and respected by his peers.

WHEREAS, Jonathan's dedication and commitment has earned him the respect and admiration of the public, co-workers and fire service partners of the Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Natural Resources Board at its October 2009 meeting at Madison, Wisconsin, recognizes Jonathan's 29 years of faithful service with due respect and gratitude, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

Natural Resources Board

Christine Thomas, CHAIR