

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution - Greg Delwiche

FOR: SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Greg Delwiche retired on August 14, 2009 with over 30 years of service

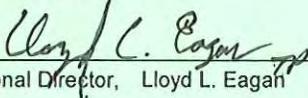
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt retirement resolution for Greg Delwiche

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, Lloyd L. Eagan

8/5/09

 Date

 Administrator,



 Secretary, Matt Frank

 Date
8-25-09

 Date

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

Retirement Resolution

Greg Delwiche is retiring from the Department of Natural Resources on August 14, 2009 after completing over 30 years of dedicated service to the State of Wisconsin.

Greg began his career with the Department of Natural Resources as a Real Estate Agent for the Southern District at Dodgeville, Wisconsin, on November 20, 1978.

In 1983, Greg transferred to a Real Estate Agent position in Fitchburg, remaining a Southern District employee. On November 22, 1987, Greg accepted a promotion to a Real Estate Agent position in the Bureau of Real Estate. While in the Bureau, Greg helped craft the 1989 Stewardship program and formulated the program for Stewardship grants to non-profit conservation organizations for land protection. Greg also helped revise the "Payment in Lieu of Taxes" on land acquired by the Department, which ended concerns about negative impacts on local property taxes.

Greg returned to the Fitchburg office as the Real Estate Expert/Review Appraiser for the South Central Region in July, 1997 and remained in this position until his retirement. During Greg's distinguished career in the Department's real estate program he appraised and/or negotiated the purchase of railroad grades, resorts, farms, cabins, wetlands, lake frontage, river frontage and properties through donation; some of which were valued in millions of dollars. Greg's most significant acquisitions include 230 acres along the Lower Wisconsin Riverway, a 92 acre portion of Gibraltar Rock in Columbia County that offers expansive views of Lake Wisconsin and neighboring hills and bluffs which was acquired at no cost to the Department, a purchase of 169 acres along Six Mile Creek, just north of Governor Nelson State Park and 18 ownership gaps within the Military Ridge State Trail which allowed the trail development.

During Greg's career, he partnered with many local governments, federal agencies and non-profit organizations to leverage state funds to protect and acquire thousands of acres. Greg developed a program to leverage federal Wetland Reserve Program funds against Stewardship and other funds to help the Department and land trusts acquire thousands of acres of wetlands. The citizens of Wisconsin are indebted to Greg for his significant acquisitions which protect scenic vistas, and provide recreation, hunting and fishing opportunities.

WHEREAS, Greg Delwiche 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 September 2009 meeting at Sturgeon Bay, 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