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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.A.4

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution-Paul J. Lochner

FOR: AUGUST 2007 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Scott Hassett

SUMMARY:

Paul Lochner retired after 31 years of service to the citizens of the state of Wisconsin.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Retirement Resolution for Paul J. Lochner

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:

Scott Humrickhouse — 7/12/07
Regional Director, Scott Humrickhouse — Date

Paul DeLany — 7/16/07
Administrator — Date

Scott Hassett — 7/16/07
Secretary, Scott Hassett — Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5
Colleen Higgins-Eau Claire

Retirement Resolution

Paul J. Lochner retired from the Department of Natural Resources on July 12, 2007 after completing 31 years of dedicated service to the state.

Paul began his career on July 12, 1976 as a forester ranger in Nekoosa. At that time he also filled the role of county forest liaison. In 1980 he transferred to Whiting and spent the balance of his career helping private landowners and serving the citizens of Portage County.

Paul was dedicated to his profession. Paul went above and beyond the call of duty and worked nearly ten thousand hours of professional time over his normal work day during his career. He is responsible for planting nearly 12,000,000 trees in Portage County and instrumental in overseeing the planting machines and the transport of them during planting season. He has developed and wrote nearly 2,000 forest stewardship plans for approximately 80,000 acres for landowners. Paul also worked on public lands in Portage County as well as being available to assist with the fire control program.

Paul has been a member and continues to belong to professional organizations. He is a charter member of the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association as well as a local member of the Bad Axe Chapter and has served on various committees. He is a member the Society of American Foresters and has served on the local chapter board at various times in the past. He has been an inspecting forester for the American Tree Farm program since 1980 and recently awarded a distinguished service award. He is also a member of the American Tree Farm program as a landowner. Paul is also a member of the National Woodlands organization and a member of the Walnut Council.

During his career he worked with many external and internal partners including the Portage County Land Conservation Department, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Stevens Point area schools and the Golden Sands RC&D. He received an award as an Outstanding Conservationist from the Izaak Walton League. He also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Bureau of Wildlife for helping with the deer and bear registration program.

WHEREAS, the dedication, professionalism and customer-oriented approach of Paul Lochner have earned him the respect and admiration of the public he served and of his co-workers and associates throughout the Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Natural Resources Board at its August 2007 meeting at Bayfield, 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