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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.A.1

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution Melody F. Walsh

FOR: DECEMBER **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: John Hagman, Chief of Facilties Management, Bureau Of Facilities and Lands

SUMMARY:

Melody Walsh retired October 13, 2007 after 27 years of service

RECOMMENDATION:

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, Steve Miller, Facilities and Lands — Date

Administrator, — Date

Secretary, Matt Frank — Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5

Retirement Resolution

Melody F. Walsh retired on October 13, 2007 after completing more than twenty-seven years of service to the Department and the people of the State of Wisconsin.

Melody began her state career on November 5, 1979 after working as an LTE for several years in the Parks program. Her first permanent state position was as a Natural Resources Patrol Officer at Devil's Lake State Park. In 1982, Melody became a Public Contact Supervisor at the Park and later moved up to Park Supervisor at Devil's Lake in 1983. Melody joined the DNR central office family when she transferred to be the Assistant to the Chief of the Construction Section in the Bureau of Parks and Recreation, on January 13, 1986.

Melody joined the Bureau of Property Management, now Facilities and Lands in July, 1989. In this capacity, she was responsible for the Department's facilities development project management, preparation of the Six Year Facilities Plan, and assisting in the preparation of the Biennial Capital Development Budget. The Property Management program had been given added responsibilities, which further emphasized an integrated approach to the management and development of DNR properties and facilities. In particular, Melody was instrumental in developing standard procedures for all land and facilities managing programs in the Department in cooperation with the other Facilities Management Section members.

During the last 18 years of her career, Melody provided strong leadership in developing a multi-disciplinary approach to resource protection, interpretation and management not just for the Department's facilities, but for cultural resources of the state. Melody also provided the motivation and leadership that initiated a program to assist the Department's accessibility programs through a service program to clean the cabins for the people with disabilities at the State Parks. Melody's professional and personal styles assured quality in both the details and the big picture of resource and facilities management and protection, while teaching those qualities and outstanding customer service to the people she worked with. The resources and facilities of the State of Wisconsin have been, and will continue to be, well protected and managed due to the effort and legacy of initiatives that Melody was critical in developing and implementing during her career.

WHEREAS, the dedication, professionalism, competence and people oriented approach of Melody Walsh have earned her the respect and admiration of the public she served and of her co-workers and associates throughout the Department;

NOW THEREFORE, the Natural Resources Board at its December 2007 meeting recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, and hereby makes this commendation as a part of its official records.

Natural Resources Board

Christine Thomas, CHAIR