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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.A.4

SUBJECT: RETIREMENT RESOLUTION FOR RUSSELL J. BELLMANN

FOR: SEPTEMBER, 2007 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Russell J. Bellmann will retire on January 4, 2008 from the Dept. of Natural Resources following more than 21 years of dedicated service to the people of Wisconsin. Russ has been a conscientious and dedicated employee throughout his career, earning the friendship and respect of his fellow employees and the citizens he served.

RECOMMENDATION: The resolution be adopted.

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:

Floyd L. Reagan — Regional Director, — Date: September 10, 2007

N/A — Administrator, — Date:

Secretary, Matt Frank — Date: 9/11/07

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5
Pam Mickelson, SCR, Fitchburg SC
Steve Colden, SCR, Dodgeville SC

Retirement Resolution

Russell J. Bellmann will retire from the Department of Natural Resources on January 4, 2008 after serving 21 years in service to the people and the State of Wisconsin.

Russ began his work with the DNR on May 12, 1986 as a seasonal Facility Repair Worker 3 at Yellowstone Lake State Park. On March 27, 1988 Russ transferred to a full-time Facilities Repair Worker 3 position at Gov. Dodge State Park. On April 13, 1997, Russ transferred to the Facilities & Lands program Lands Maintenance Technician position for the Lower Rock Land GMU at Fitchburg that was classified as a Facilities Repair Worker 3 at the time. His work station was changed from Fitchburg to Gov. Nelson State Park in late October 1998. The position's classification was changed to a Wildlife Technician - Advanced on 5/21/2000.

Russ is an excellent employee and the Department realized that by giving him a Special Recognition Award at the Facilities & Lands Conference in 2006. This is what was said about Russ. "His past experience in the State Parks Program, farming, and the construction trades, makes Russ the perfect person for this job. Within the 7 counties where he has responsibility, he maintains all the major State boat landings within SCR. They are heavily used and kept in a "park like" condition. When it comes to land management, Russ has the dedication, knowledge, and skills to practice efficient and cost effective stewardship of State lands. He is adept at transforming agriculture lands into prairies and tree plantings, pesticide applications to control invasives/exotics, sharecropping, and other land management activities. He has a good working relationship with other programs for integration of these work activities along with assisting with prescribed burns, wetland and grassland enhancement and other special projects. For public access, Russ is accommodating with informational signing, crossings, trails, roads and lots. Russ is helpful in making contacts with landowners for fishing easements. Russ is a person who needs minimal supervision. He is skilled with various computer programs and submits timely and accurate Capital Development Project Requests and Program Statements. Russ plans ahead and just never seems to stop working."

WHEREAS, Russell J. Bellmann 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 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