

SUBJECT: RETIREMENT RESOLUTION - RONALD P. OLSON

FOR: FEBRUARY 2010 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Matthew J. Frank

SUMMARY:

Ronald P. Olson retired from the Department of Natural Resources on January 2, 2009 after completing 33 years of service to the State of Wisconsin.

RECOMMENDATION: That the attached resolution be accepted by the Natural Resources Board.

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:

Steve Miller

Bureau Director,

Muriel Steendrop

Administrator,

Matt Frank

Secretary, Matt Frank

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Retirement Resolution

Ronald P. Olson retired on January 2, 2009 after 33 years of service to the department and the people of the State of Wisconsin.

Ron began his career with the Department as a Limited Term Employee in Black River Falls at the Black River State Forest in 1974. On March 29, 1976, he became a permanent employee working as the Natural Resources Assistant to the Forest Superintendent of the Black River State Forest. Early in his career, he worked on the management and operational issues of the state forest.

In April of 1977, Ron became an Area Land Agent in the Western District working in the Menomonie office. One year later, in 1978, he relocated to the La Crosse office to continue his work as an Area Land Agent.

Ron played a key role in appraising and negotiating purchase of hundreds of acres for Rush Creek State Natural Area, the La Crosse River State Trail, the Great River State Trail, public fishing grounds along the trout streams in the Coulee region of Wisconsin, and many other state conservation projects.

Ron developed a high level of professional training, expertise, and experience in the appraisal field. In 1992, he achieved Wisconsin's Certified General Appraiser status and in October that year, he was promoted to Statewide Review Appraiser for the Department's Real Estate program. He served until his retirement as Review Appraiser. In addition to his core appraisal review work, Ron was very effective in serving in a mentoring capacity to other Real Estate staff and to contracting appraisers. He served a special role in efforts with several new acquisition initiatives, such as the fisherman's path in western Wisconsin. He was highly valued for his expertise in complicated appraisal assignments and federal appraisal requirements, gaining the elite Yellowbook Certification for Reviewers. Ron was very dedicated to the Real Estate program and maintaining the integrity of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship land acquisitions of the Department.

WHEREAS, Ronald P. Olson 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 February 2010 meeting at Madison, Wisconsin, recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

Natural Resources Board

Jonathan P. Ela, CHAIRMAN