

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution - David R. Bouche

FOR: JUNE, 2010 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

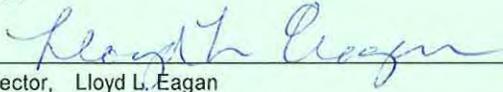
David R. Bouche retired on February 26, 2010 with over 30 years of service.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt retirement resolution for David R. Bouche

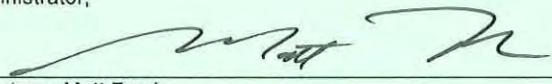
LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

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| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Background Memo | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

APPROVED:


Regional Director, Lloyd L. Eagan

5/7/2010
Date

Administrator,

Secretary, Matt Frank

Date
6-7-10
Date

- cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8
- Lloyd Eagan - Fitchburg
- Steve Schmelzer - Baraboo
- Debbie Kundert - Fitchburg

Retirement Resolution

David R. Bouche retired from the Department of Natural Resources on February 26, 2010 with more than 30 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

Dave began his career as a seasonal Park Ranger 1 at Blue Mound State Park on October 22, 1979. Dave was then promoted to a permanent Park Ranger 2 position at Tower Hill State Park in December, 1980. While at Tower Hill State Park, Dave was temporarily assigned to work at Governor Dodge State Park when Tower Hill was closed due to state fiscal problems. However, Dave worked with the local Lions Club to successfully reopen Tower Hill State Park. In September, 1983, Dave promoted to the Park Supervisor 3 position in charge of maintenance and development at Devil's Lake State Park. Dave transferred to the newly formed Governor Nelson State Park in February, 1986 and later promoted to the Park Superintendent position in charge of the Lake Kegonsa Work Unit.

On September 17, 1997, Dave returned back to Devil's Lake State Park as the Park Naturalist/Educator. During Dave's tenure as the Naturalist at Devil's Lake State Park he was instrumental in upgrading the entire interpretive program at the park. Dave gave hundreds of informative, educational, and enjoyable programs to school groups and visitors alike. Through Dave's inventive programming, he gave birth to his alter ego "Luke Woodswalker". Luke Woodswalker, as he was called, instilled the outdoor spirit and enjoyment of activities that centered on the natural environment at Devil's Lake State Park. For many years to come, the visitors of Devil's Lake will be talking about the spirit that Dave "Luke Woodswalker" Bouche brought to the park. Dave was also behind the Roznos Prairie establishment. This converted prairie now provides seed for restoration efforts throughout Wisconsin. Dave was also involved in many other activities that included the statewide interpretive team, fur ecology workshop, and invasive species planning and management at the park. Dave's commitment to state parks of Wisconsin and its visitors over the past 30 years is truly commendable.

WHEREAS, David L. Bouche 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 June 2010 meeting at Fitchburg, 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, CHAIR