

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item

SUBJECT: Retirement resolutions

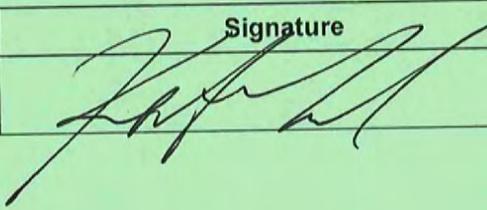
FOR: January 2016 Board meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Stepp

SUMMARY: The Department requests the following employees be recognized and commended for faithful and exemplary public service:

Employee	Years of Service
1. Vicki Dufty-Sprinkel	32
2. Kenneth W. Jonas	34
3. Rodney M. Lange	15
4. Linda Pederson	44
5. Victoria Stovall	32
6. Gary L. Zielski	38

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt the retirement resolution(s) for January 2016.

Approved by	Signature	Date
Cathy Stepp, Secretary		1/8/16

Retirement Resolution

Vicki Dufty-Sprinkel, Forestry Technician-Advanced in Dodgeville, retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on January 1, 2016 after 32 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

Vicki started with the Department in 1983 as a Word Processing Operator in Dodgeville, and moved on to Program Assistant in the Customer Service Program at the Dodgeville Area office. In 1993 she transferred into a Fire Control Dispatcher, and climbed ranks to Dispatcher 3, and finally Forestry Technician-Advanced.

Vicki's dedication to outstanding customer service was felt by external and internal partners. She built lasting relationships with partners that were founded on trust and respect. As a strong and decisive leader in challenging emergency situations, Vicki always gave extra effort for her team, from long nights and early mornings in the Dispatch office, to learning and administering new programs. Vicki was the person to get the job done. Her name (and that voice) is known to emergency responders throughout southern Wisconsin. She was the voice of the DNR fire suppression program in southern Wisconsin. Her unwavering dedication to being an excellent Dispatcher will be sorely missed, and her retirement is well-deserved.

WHEREAS, Vicki Dufty-Sprinkel 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 January 2016 meeting recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, wishes Vicki a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

Natural Resources Board

Preston D. Cole, Chair

Retirement Resolution

Kenneth W. Jonas, Natural Resources Area Wildlife Supervisor in Hayward, retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on January 8, 2016 after 34 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

Ken began his career with the Department in 1981 as a Wildlife Assistant at Horicon and then from 1983-1990 served as a wildlife technician in Menomonie. From 1990-97, he was the Wildlife Manager at Neillsville and was responsible for managing wildlife programs within Clark and Jackson counties. In 1997 Ken transferred to Spooner as the Wildlife Manager and was responsible for unique and challenging wildlife programs in Northwest Wisconsin.

In 2002 Ken was promoted as the Area Wildlife Supervisor at Hayward for the Upper Chippewa Area. He provided vital leadership to the wildlife management program including large ungulate and carnivore management; habitat management; and notable master planning efforts. Ken provided valuable expertise on numerous species advisory committees including elk, wolf, sharp-tailed grouse, marten and bear.

Ken ended his career the way he started it, with passion, dedication, and a cooperative spirit. Ken's commitment to protecting our wildlife resources will continue to benefit the State of Wisconsin through the legacy he has passed on to others.

WHEREAS, Kenneth W. Jonas 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 January 2016 meeting recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, wishes Kenneth a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

Natural Resources Board

Preston D. Cole, Chair

Retirement Resolution

Rodney M. Lange, Advanced Fisheries Technician in Green Bay, retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on January 12, 2016 after 15 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

Rod's employment with Wisconsin DNR began in December of 2000 at the Green Bay Regional Office, after 12 years as a limited term employee. He was hired as an Advanced Fisheries Technician and remained at that station for the last 15 years.

During his career, Rod has seen the development of the Green Bay muskellunge fishery and resurgence of the Green Bay walleye. He has supported these improvements through countless surveys, age interpretations and data review. He worked closely with staff on the Green Bay creel program.

Rod has always been an excellent agent for the Department with the public, enthusiastically embraced field work whether it was on a trout stream in the northwoods or a warmwater creek in Brown county, and generally provided wonderful support to Regional staff.

WHEREAS, Rodney M. Lange 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 January 2016 meeting recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, wishes Rodney a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

Natural Resources Board

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Retirement Resolution

Linda Pederson, Program Assistant in Madison, retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on December 1, 2015 after 44 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

Linda began her career with the State of Wisconsin in 1966. She worked for the Department of Taxation and the University of Wisconsin before joining the Department of Natural Resources in April, 1976. Linda provided business support services to the Office of the Secretary, Human Resources, Customer Service, Finance and Technology Services throughout her career. Linda received numerous accolades from coworkers, managers and customers for her outstanding service.

Linda exemplified service excellence by always going the extra mile to help others. She's provided staff and customers a patient and understanding ear. Linda's disposition, no matter the circumstances, has always been positive with a strong desire to always be of help. Linda's passion for customer service and her welcoming smile will be truly missed.

WHEREAS, Linda Pederson 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 January 2016 meeting recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, wishes Linda a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

Natural Resources Board

Preston D. Cole, Chair

Retirement Resolution

Victoria Stovall, Environmental Program Associate in the Milwaukee Service Center, retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on January 4, 2016 after 32 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

Victoria Stovall left a trail of memories and accomplishments with the Department of Natural Resources in her 32 plus years of state service. She began her career as a Word Processor in the old annex building on Richards street in Milwaukee. From there she moved on to being a clerical support staff in the Air Management Program. She also spent over 8 years as a Lead Worker for the Water Regulation & Zoning Program. Finally, she ended her career in the Remediation & Redevelopment Program as an Environmental Program Associate. Vicky has helped the department exceed in several areas. She helped trained several staff members, passing her vast knowledge onto other employees. Vicky's role as an administrative program support staff member kept the groups functioning together to achieve program success. Vicky's dedication to her job and her achievements will not be forgotten.

WHEREAS, Victoria Stovall 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 January 2016 meeting recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, wishes Victoria a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

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Retirement Resolution

Gary L. Zielske, Forester in Ellsworth, retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on December 28, 2015 after 38 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

Gary began his career with the State of Wisconsin as a Forester/Appraiser for the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. In January 1982 Gary was hired by the Department of Natural Resources and after completing training in Tomahawk and the Brule Area he was stationed at Pattison State Park as a Productivity Forester. His primary duty was establishing timber sales in partnership with the Douglas County Forest.

Gary transferred to Whitehall, Trempealeau County January 1985 where he began his career of providing forestry service to private landowners. Gary built strong relationships with partners, landowners and co-workers and was a model for providing customer service. He transferred to Ellsworth in 1992 and continued his talent for service on private and public lands in Pierce County until he retired.

Gary is highly regarded and respected by his peers and the public he served. He was awarded the Statewide Forester of the Year award in 2001 in recognition of his achievements.

WHEREAS, Gary L. Zielske 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 January 2016 meeting recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, wishes Gary a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

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Preston D. Cole, Chair