

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution - Ronald W. Becker

FOR: DECEMBER 2009 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Ronald W. Becker will retire after 38 years of service to the citizens of the state of Wisconsin

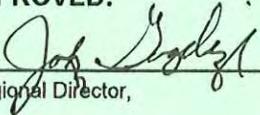
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Retirement Resolution for Ronald W. Becker

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:



 Regional Director,

10-29-2009

 Date

 Administrator,



 Secretary, Matt Frank

 Date

11/11/08

 Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8
 cc: NOR-Susan Krantz-Spooner

Retirement Resolution

Ronald W. Becker, Water Supply Specialist for the Northern Region – Rhinelander Service Center, retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on October 8, 2009, with over 36 years of dedicated service to the State of Wisconsin.

On January 4, 1971, Ron was hired as an Environmental Specialist for the Bureau of Air Pollution Control and Solid Waste Disposal in Madison. Ron left the Department in 1974 to pursue his Master's Degree in Water Resources Management. He was reinstated with the Department in 1976 and accepted a position as a Program Planning Analyst on the Upper Wisconsin River Basin 208 Taskforce at the North Central District Office at Rhinelander. In the early 1980's, Ron's work efforts were focused on groundwater quality. Ron's position was re-classified to an Environmental Specialist in 1986, and in 1992, Ron's title was changed to a Water Supply Specialist for Northern Region at the Rhinelander Service Center. Ron remained in the Water Supply program until his retirement, working with public water systems, licensed well drillers, County officials, private well owners and groundwater data.

Throughout Ron's career, Ron was recognized for his expertise and skills in data analysis and data sharing, ARCview mapping and his interest in comprehensive approaches to environmental management. Ron's career highlights include establishing a statewide air monitoring network; working with municipal and industry officials on wastewater discharge allocations, acid rain studies; coordinating and summarizing groundwater sampling of wells for aldicarb and other groundwater contaminants; and development of an integrated data retrieval system which linked data base sets from multiple Department programs. Ron is also recognized as a leader in using Geographic Information System (GIS) technology to guide environmental decision making. He has helped many staff and program leaders get a "big picture" view of complex projects through his skill and expertise in this area.

Ron has been a valuable asset to the DNR and the many contributions he made to the Department will long be remembered. Ron's enthusiasm and dedication were apparent whenever he took on new work assignments. Ron has filled the roles of a great mentor, team player and leader and has earned high respect from the many dedicated professionals he worked with both within and outside of the Department

WHEREAS, Ron Becker 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 December 2009 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

Christine Thomas, CHAIR