

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution - Gail Fry

FOR: FEBRUARY, 2009 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Gail Fry retired January 3, 2009 after more than 37 years of state service.

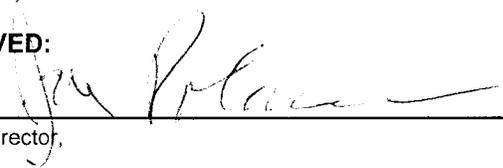
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Retirement Resolution for Gail Fry

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:


 Bureau Director,

01-16-09
 Date

 Administrator,

 Date


 Secretary, Matt Frank

2/11/09
 Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8
 Barb Zellmer - MB/8

Retirement Resolution

Gail Fry is retiring from the Department of Natural Resources on January 3, 2009 after more than thirty-seven years of dedicated service to the State of Wisconsin.

Gail began her career with the State of Wisconsin at the Secretary of State's Office, and with the Department of Local Affairs and Development. In 1980 she joined the Department of Natural Resources as a Program Assistant in the Bureau of Aid Programs and was later promoted to serve as the Federal Aid Coordinator with the Community Financial Assistance Bureau and with the Management & Budget Bureau.

Throughout her career, Gail has provided critical services to the Department – through her remarkable dedication, her expertise in all aspects of federal grant management, and her ability to work effectively with her many colleagues over the years in working towards the common goal of protecting Wisconsin's natural resources.

Gail has played a critical role in managing important federal grants for the agency. With the increased importance of federal funding to the agency's budget, the legacy of her expertise and hard work will continue to grow. Gail's work on the State Wildlife Grants program was key to that program's success. Her work led to the approval of the grant proposal by the Fish and Wildlife Service - allowing some vital wildlife conservation projects to go forward.

Gail also provided leadership in obtaining approval from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to use tracts of land purchased with Stewardship Program funds – as match for federal Sportfish and Wildlife Restoration grant funds, thereby leveraging these funds so that the Department is able to earn the additional federal dollars. The approach developed to accomplish this will be used as a model by other states. Gail was instrumental in completing the Comprehensive Management System document which serves as the foundation for the Department's fish and wildlife program grants – and subsequently gaining approval from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This was a long road – and an impressive accomplishment!

WHEREAS, Gail Fry has been a trusted employee throughout her career, serving the people of the State of Wisconsin with dedication and grace, and has earned the friendship, respect and gratitude of her co-workers;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Natural Resources Board at its February 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