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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.A.7

SUBJECT: RETIREMENT RESOLUTION - THADDEUS J. PYREK

FOR: AUGUST, 2007 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: SCOTT HASSETT

SUMMARY:

AFTER 33 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, THADDEUS J. PYREK WILL RETIRE ON AUGUST 31, 2007.

HE HAS SERVED THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN FAITHFULLY AND WELL IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES AND HAS EARNED THE COMMENDATION DUE AN EXEMPLARY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE FOR RETIRMENT RESOLUTION

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

No	☑	Fiscal Estimate Required	Yes ☐	Attached
No	☑	Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required	Yes ☐	Attached
No	☑	Background Memo	Yes ☐	Attached

APPROVED:

Lloyd L Adzian
Regional Director

August 1, 2007
Date

Administrator,

Date

Scott Hassett
Secretary, Scott Hassett

8/6/07
Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5
Pam Mickelson, SCR, Fitchburg
Rick Wojciak, SCR, Fitchburg

Retirement Resolution

Thaddeus J. Pyrek, Area Forestry Leader, stationed at Horicon, will retire on August 31, 2007 with over 33 years of dedicated service to the people and the natural resources of the State of Wisconsin. Ted began his career with the Department on June 24, 1974 as a Forester Ranger Trainee stationed temporarily at Tomahawk. He served at Antigo as his field training location until December, 1975. In January, 1976, Ted was assigned to Wautoma, his first permanent field station, where he served as a Forester Ranger until July of 1979.

In July, 1979, Ted was promoted to Area Forester at Horicon. His duties not only included supervising the forestry staff located in Columbia, Green Lake and Marquette counties, but also conducting the ground forestry field activities in Dodge and Fond du Lac counties. Ted, working closely with the City of Portage, also oversaw the Department's responsibilities for maintaining the Portage Levee and Canal.

In 1992, Ted became the Area Forestry Supervisor, supervising both forest management and fire staff in Columbia, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Green Lake and Marquette counties. He continued to manage the Portage Levee and Canal.

When the Department reorganized its management structure in 1997, Ted became a Land Team Leader for the eastern portion of the Lower Wisconsin River Basin. He supervised a wide variety of programs and staff including forestry, wildlife, and endangered resources. Ted also continued his management responsibilities for the Portage Levee and Canal.

During the 23 years he had management responsibility for the levee, Ted participated in emergency flood fighting efforts during periods of high water and major floods. Some levee patrol and flood fighting were needed in most years because the river generally reached flood stage during the spring. Extra efforts were needed in 1986 and 1993 when the river crested near 19 and 19.6 feet. Ted's contribution to the flood fighting effort, combined with his conscientious work in insuring that routine maintenance was done, enabled the levees to hold, preventing major property damage and possible loss of life.

Another Department reorganization in 2002 brought Ted new responsibilities as the Area Forestry Team Leader, stationed at Horicon. He supervised the forestry program in Dodge, Jefferson, Rock, Dane, Green and Lafayette counties and also served as the Cooperative Fire Control Officer for the South Central Region.

Throughout his 33-year career, Ted has served on many statewide ad hoc teams and specialist committees. These teams conduct in-depth studies of specific forestry topics, make recommendations for implementation, and to provide statewide consistency in program delivery by the forestry field staff. Ted has been an important member of the following teams: Forestry Operations, Co-operative Fire Management, Private Land Management, Safety, Forest Resources Education, Unmarked Pine Thinning, and Certified Plan Writer Implementation.

Ted and a group of foresters also initiated the Winnebago Area Woodland Owners Conference. The conference has been held annually since 1990, of which Ted was an active committee member until 1997.

WHEREAS, Thaddeus J. Pyrek 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 August 2007 meeting at Washburn, Wisconsin, 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