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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.A.5

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution for Theodore J. Amman

FOR: DECEMBER 2007 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Theodore J. Amman will retire on January 4, 2008 from the Dept. of Natural Resources following 34 years of dedicated service to the people of Wisconsin. Ted has been a conscientious and dedicated employee throughout his career, earning the friendship and respect of his fellow employees and the citizens he served.

RECOMMENDATION:

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:

Regional Director, — Date

Administrator, — Date

Secretary, Matt Frank — Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5
Pam Mickelson, SCR, Fitchburg SC
Pat McCutcheon, SCR Fitchburg SC

Retirement Resolution

Theodore J. Amman is retiring from the Department of Natural Resources on January 4, 2008, after completing almost 34 years of dedicated service to the State of Wisconsin. Ted's career with the Department began in September of 1972 when he accepted a limited term employee position in the Technical Services Section of the Bureau of Research. He started as a full time seasonal employee on April 22, 1974 working as a Natural Resources Assistant in the Water Resources Research Section, also in the Bureau of Research, stationed at Fitchburg in the old Southern District. In September of 1975 Ted was promoted to a Natural Resource Specialist in the Office of Inland Lake Renewal. He worked in the Resource Management Division until April of 1983 when he transferred to the Environmental Quality Division, Bureau of Solid Waste and began his career as a Spill Control Specialist. Ted was responsible for overseeing response activities across the state that were being performed out of the District Offices on a type of add-on basis for staff. In September of 1988 Ted accepted the position of Environmental Program Supervisor, taking on responsibility for oversight of staff in the Department's hazardous substance spill and environmental repair programs, which included the new Federal LUST program. It wasn't long before Ted realized he enjoyed field work a lot more than the headaches of supervision, so in November of 1989 he voluntarily demoted to take a position working with district field staff dealing with petroleum releases and cleanups. Four short months later, in March of 1990, Ted accepted a position as the Southern District Spills Coordinator, the first full time, fully dedicated, District Spill Coordinator position in the Department. Ted stayed in this position for the rest of his career, building the trust and confidence of the Region's Warden force, local emergency responders and emergency government officials throughout what is now South Central Region (SCR). Over his career Ted has dealt with well over 4,000 spills and releases, some being very notable such as the 1986 Somerset Tire Fire where approximately one million tires were burning; the butter fire at the Central Storage Warehouse on Madison's east side in 1991 which destroyed 42.5 million pounds of food, mostly butter, cranberries and hot dogs; a release of some 500,000 gallons of liquid manure in 1992 in Green County. Ted's ability to work with others, his strong people skills and his positive outlook really helped him as he built strong working relationships and created a first responder network that was, and still is, used as a model for other Regions across the state. This strong work ethic and drive to excel were not new to Ted, having been nominated in 1986, 1987, and again in 1998 along with the rest of his Regional work unit, for the Department's Brogan Award. While Ted may not have ultimately been chosen for the award, his genuine passion for the Department's mission, strong work ethic and the exceptional overall quality of his work made him a standard for future applicants to be measured against.

WHEREAS, Ted Amman has been a conscientious and dedicated employee throughout his career and has earned the friendship and gratitude of his fellow employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Natural Resources Board at its December 2007 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