

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Retirement Resolution - Bruce Chevis

**FOR:** OCTOBER, 2007 BOARD MEETING

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Scott Hassett

**SUMMARY:**

Bruce Chevis will retire on November 3, 2007, with 34 years of service to the State of Wisconsin. Bruce has been a conscientious and dedicated employee throughout his career, earning the friendship and respect of fellow employees, staff and citizens alike.

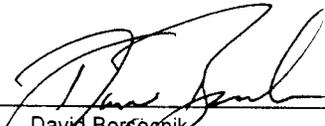
**RECOMMENDATION:** We recommend the attached resolution be adopted.

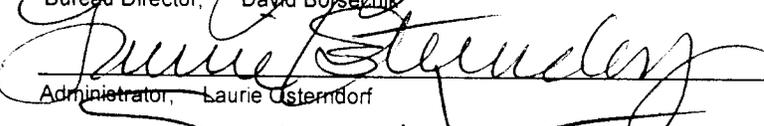
**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

- No  Fiscal Estimate Required
- No  Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required
- No  Background Memo

- Yes  Attached
- Yes  Attached
- Yes  Attached

**APPROVED:**

  
 Bureau Director, David Borsecnik

  
 Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf

  
 Secretary, Scott Hassett

8-21-07  
 Date

8/23/07  
 Date

8/29/07  
 Date

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- P. Biermeier - PR/6
- L. Netzer - PR/6

## ***Retirement Resolution***

Bruce Chevis will retire from the Department of Natural Resources on November 3, 2007, after serving 34 years with the State of Wisconsin. Bruce began his career as a Park Manager Trainee on July 2, 1973, at the Northern Unit-Kettle Moraine State Forest.

In 1974, Bruce was promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Peninsula State Park. During that time, he was asked to start up a new park in the Green Bay area--Heritage Hill State Historical Park. Bruce spent five months hiring the staff, working with volunteer groups, and developing the operational procedures to make this unique state park a success.

In 1978, Bruce was promoted to the position of Forest Superintendent of Richard Bong State Recreation Area. As the first superintendent of that property, he was responsible for development of the property, hiring all the employees, developing the operational budget, and working with the myriad of special interest groups.

In 1979, Bruce was awarded the State Parks' Distinguished Service Award for outstanding performance. He was presented Exceptional Performance Awards in 1981 and 1997.

In 1985, Bruce was promoted to the position of Forest Superintendent at the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest. He streamlined the operation of the forest, directed the improvement of many facilities, and purchased nearly 2,000 acres.

In 1994, Bruce transferred to the Bureau of Parks and Recreation in Madison to direct the statewide concessions program. In that capacity, he negotiated and developed concession agreements and land leases that generated over \$8 million in gross revenue annually. He also worked on the Capital Improvement/Development Program.

Bruce was involved in community service--he served on the City of Burlington Parks Board, the City Council, was a Cub Scout Pack Leader, and with the Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association. Bruce currently volunteers for the American Cancer Society.

**WHEREAS**, Bruce Chevis 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 October 2007 meeting at Platteville, 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