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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.A.1

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution - Lee B. Liebenstein

FOR: AUGUST **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Lee B. Liebenstein is retiring on January 9, 2009 after more than 32 years of service.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Retirement Resolution for Lee B. Liebenstein

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 F. Eagan — June 3, 2008
Regional Director, Date

Administrator, Date

Secretary, Matt Frank — 7/9/08
Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5
Debbie Kundert - Fitchburg
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Retirement Resolution

Lee B. Liebenstein is retiring from the Department of Natural Resources on January 9, 2009, after completing more than 32 years of dedicated service to the State of Wisconsin. Lee's career with the Department began in November of 1975 as a LTE conducting surface water sampling across the state.

Lee was hired into a permanent Natural Resource Specialist position on November 8, 1976, by C.D.Besadny. Lee prepared environmental impact statements for projects across the state until June of 1980 when he accepted a position as a Fish Contaminant Specialist in the Bureau of Water Resources Management. Lee coordinated the fish contaminant monitoring program for DNR and the Division of Health, along with being the lead for the issuance of fish consumption advisories. During this time Lee was responsible for the development of a statewide fish contaminant monitoring program that measured the levels of mercury and other contaminants in fish. The results of this program led to the investigation and ultimate sediment cleanup of a number of highly contaminated waterways, including the Fox River.

In March, 1989, Lee was promoted to the Water Quality Monitoring Unit Supervisor position, overseeing and directing the work of 14 professionals monitoring lakes, streams and wetlands across the state. In 1993, still in the Bureau of Water Resources Management, Lee took on the new role of Supervisor of the Contaminated Sediment Unit. He oversaw a group of engineers and scientists who were responsible for the overseeing sediment sampling and cleanup in wetlands and surface waters. He chaired the Department's Contaminated Sediment Team, serving as the agency's expert on sediment issues across the state.

In January, 2003, Lee changed direction and transferred to the South Central Region's Remediation and Redevelopment program, serving as the Statewide Petroleum Team Leader, where he began looking at groundwater issues and put to use his knowledge and training as a Hydrogeologist. As the Petroleum Team Leader, Lee was the Department's liaison with the Department of Commerce and U.S. EPA on issues relating to investigations and remediation of underground and above-ground petroleum storage tanks. Lee handled disputes that arose between agency staff and coordinated with Commerce on completing our federal grant reporting requirements each quarter. Lee was instrumental in building a strong working relationship with staff at Commerce and brought both agencies to a point where a collaborative approach to cleanups at petroleum sites was possible. Lee was an effective problem solver and through the relationships he built both agencies are in a stronger position to move forward.

Lee and his wife Sue live in Oregon; have two grown children and two grandchildren that also live in the area.

WHEREAS, Lee Liebenstein 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 August 2008 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