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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.A.3

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution - Charles Fitzgerald

FOR: AUGUST **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Charles Fitzgerald will retire after 28 years of service to the citizens of the state of Wisconsin.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Retirement Resolution for Charles Fitzgerald

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: 7-7-08

Administrator, — Date:

Secretary, Matt Frank — Date: 7/9/90

cc: Laurie J. Ross

cc: NOR/Susan Krantz

Retirement Resolution

Charles J. Fitzgerald, Water Supply Specialist for the Northern Region - Rhinelander Service Center, retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on July 11, 2008, with close to 28 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

On November 9, 1980, Chuck was hired as an Environmental Specialist for the Water Supply Program at the North Central District Office at Rhinelander. Chuck transferred to the Hazardous Waste program in Rhinelander on February 2, 1981. Chuck worked in that capacity until August 4, 1985 when he transferred back to the Water Supply Program at Rhinelander. With the reorganization of the DNR in 1992, Chuck became a Water Supply Specialist for Northern Region at the Rhinelander Service Center. Chuck remained in the Water Supply program until his retirement, working with public water systems, licensed well drillers, pump installers, County officials and private well owners. His efforts to ensure safe construction of wells and appropriate monitoring have helped maintain a safe supply of drinking water for Wisconsin citizens through his career and into the future.

Throughout Chuck's career, Chuck's passion for protecting public health and educating the public, have been highly recognized by his supervisors and all those who worked with him. Whether it was a petroleum or arsenic contamination problem or nuisance levels of iron in private wells, Chuck utilized his technical and scientific background to provide concise and practical information that both the regulated public and private well owners could easily understand. Chuck's professional speaking skills were apparent by the numerous commendations he received over the years from agencies and organizations such as the Wisconsin Rural Water Association, WI Department of Commerce, Minnesota Department of Health, U.S.F.S., local and county health departments, to name a few.

Chuck has filled the roles of a great mentor, team player and leader and has earned high respect from both his peers, and internal and external partners. His development of an acidification and salt disinfection technique for treating wells with bacteria and "biofilm" problems is recognized statewide, with other states now looking at promoting this disinfection method.

Chuck has been a valuable asset to the DNR and he will be surely missed by all those that have had the opportunity to work with him.

WHEREAS, Charles Fitzgerald 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 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