

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution - David J. Edwards

FOR: JANUARY 2008 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

David J. Edwards will retire after 28 years of service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Retirement Resolution for David J. Edwards

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,

1-7-08

Date



Administrator,

1-7-08

Date



Secretary, Matt Frank

1/7/08

Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross -AD/5

Retirement Resolution

David S. Edwards retired from the Department of Natural Resources on January 19, 2008 having provided 28 years of honorable service. Dave began his career in December, 1979 in Milwaukee, ultimately serving 22 years as a Waste Management Specialist in Horicon. From 2002 through 2008, Dave served as an Environmental Enforcement Specialist in the Bureau of Law Enforcement. During his career, never once did Dave say "I don't want to go to work today".

Dave applied a common sense approach to environmental regulation, resolving many by violations through voluntary compliance, but Dave was also involved in the successful prosecution of over 25 civil and criminal environmental cases.

Dave is especially committed to training and education. He was instrumental in developing the Environmental Enforcement Techniques class, serving as an instructor at every session and training over 600 employees. Dave also provided evidence photography training to hundreds of staff. Dave developed a presentation called "Making the Connection: Public Health and the Environment" which he used over 65 times in the past two years to reach thousands of people from a variety of public audiences.

Dave was recognized with the South Central District Environmental Protection Employee of the Year award in 1992, the Bureau of Law Enforcement's Service to the Field award in 2003 and the Bureau of Law Enforcement's Innovation award in 2006.

WHEREAS, David S. Edwards 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 January 2008 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