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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.A.6

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution - Raymond J. Broennimann

FOR: OCTOBER 2008 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Frank

SUMMARY:

Raymond J. Broennimann retired on September 3, 2008, with over 25 years of service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt retirement resolution for Raymond J. Broennimann

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:

Gloria L. McCutcheon — 9-29-08

Regional Director, Gloria L. McCutcheon — Date

Administrator, — Date

Secretary, Matt Frank — 10/6/08 Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8
Angela Ewing - SER Milwaukee

Retirement Resolution

Raymond J. Broennimann, Ranger-Law Enforcement, Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern Unit, retired from the Department of Natural Resources on September 3, 2008, with nearly 25 years of service to the State of Wisconsin.

Ray began his career with the Department on November 28, 1983, as a Natural Resource Assistant 1 in the Forestry Program working at the Oconto Falls Ranger Station. In 1985, he transferred to the Fire Control Assistant position in Montello. In 1988, he was promoted to the Oshkosh Area Forest Fire Dispatcher 1 position. In 1989, he was promoted to Area Forest Fire Dispatcher 2.

While working in the Forestry Program, Ray operated and maintained heavy equipment. He performed fire suppression duties. He actively promoted fire prevention and was involved in fire investigation activities. He trained Department personnel and local fire department staff in fire suppression and provided administrative support for the area forestry program. He conducted forest management duties including forest reconnaissance on state and county land and timber sale establishment. He worked with private woodland owners on forest management planning activities.

In 1993, Ray transferred to the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern Unit as a Ranger 2 and became certified as a law enforcement officer. In addition to his law enforcement duties, he performed a variety of tasks in this position including visitor protection, fire control, equipment maintenance and development and maintenance of forest grounds and facilities. Throughout his career, Ray placed great emphasis on employee and visitor safety. He developed vehicle safety inspection procedures. He was active in providing prescribed burn safety refresher training for staff. He skillfully defused potential visitor conflicts and responded to many visitor medical emergencies.

Ray demonstrated his concern for the welfare of other employees through his service as a Union Steward for the Wisconsin State Employees Union (WSEU) Local 1218 from 1985 until 1998. He was elected to five consecutive two-year terms as President of WSEU Local 1218 from 1998 until 2008.

WHEREAS, Raymond J. Broennimann 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 2008 meeting at Eagle River recognizes Ray's faithful service with due respect and gratitude, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

Natural Resources Board

Christine Thomas, CHAIR