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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.A.3

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution-Joe Menkol

FOR: APRIL 2009 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY:
Matt Frank

SUMMARY:
Joe Menkol will retire after more than 24 years of service to the citizens of the state of Wisconsin.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Retirement Resolution for Joe Menkol

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:

C. Bozdzialski JS
Regional Director, — Date: 04-02-2009

Administrator, — Date

Matt Frank
Secretary, Matt Frank — Date: 4-9-09

cc: Laurie J Ross - AD/8
NOR-Susan Krantz, Spooner

Retirement Resolution

Joe Menkol retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on April 10, 2009 after completing over 24 years of outstanding service to the people of Wisconsin.

Joe began his career with the DNR in 1984 as a forester trainee in Tomahawk. Later that year, Joe was transferred to Webster where he continued his training program. In April of 1985, Joe received a permanent assignment to the Minong Ranger Station as the Minong Forest Ranger. As Minong Ranger, Joe was responsible for planning, coordinating and directing DNR forest management and fire control activities in the Minong area. Joe spent the rest of his productive career serving as the Minong Ranger.

Throughout his career, Joe has always conducted his business in a professional and dedicated manner in service to the department and his community. As secretary of the Washburn County Fire Association for over 20 years, Joe was instrumental in bolstering the DNR/fire department partnerships as well as organizing the fire association into an effective and efficient organization. Through his work with the fire association, Joe was instrumental in developing the Washburn County Driveway Ordinance as well as the acquisition and use of the association's Smoke House for educating school children.

Joe has also been an excellent trainer. He served as lead instructor for many years promoting safe and efficient fire control air operations throughout the state. Joe also was a lead instructor in wild land and urban interface fire management issues. Joe served for many years on the DNR Forestry Public Awareness Committee promoting fire prevention and sustainable forest management throughout the state.

Joe has tirelessly served the general public and his colleagues in a spirit of professionalism, courtesy and dedication throughout his career. Projects and relationships that Joe has cultivated will continue to grow, and the public will benefit from Joe's service for years to come.

WHEREAS, Joe Menkol 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 April 2009 meeting at West Bend, 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