

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution - Steven J. Thomas

FOR: DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Steven J. Thomas will retire on December 18, 2009 with over 31 years of service.

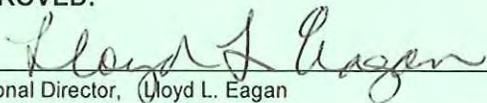
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt retirement resolution for Steven J. Thomas

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:



 Regional Director, Lloyd L. Eagan

Sept 21, 2009

 Date

Administrator,

Date



 Secretary, Matt Frank

11/11/09

 Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8
 Lloyd Eagan - Fitchburg
 Debbie Kundert - Fitchburg

Retirement Resolution

Steven J. Thomas is retiring from the Department of Natural Resources on December 18, 2009, after completing more than 31 years of service to the citizens and resources of the State of Wisconsin.

Steve began his career in the Department in May of 1976 at Yellowstone Lake State Park as an LTE Ranger. Steve began permanent employment as a Fire Control Assistant at the Washburn Ranger Station in May, 1978. July 1981, he moved his family to Copper Falls State Park, where he worked as a full time Forest Fire Control Assistant 2. Steve then accepted a Ranger position at Northern Highlands American Legion State Forest, in 1986. Steve returned home to Yellowstone Lake State Park in June of 1987, working as a Ranger-Lead Worker on the development of the Pecos Trail. Steve promoted to the position of Park Manager in May of 2000, at Blue Mound State Park. His final move was back to Yellowstone in December of 2000, where he was the Park Manager until his retirement.

While at Yellowstone Lake, Steve saw the need and was instrumental in the development of a new Visitor Contact Station, Flush Toilet/Shower Building and Maintenance Shop.

During his tenure with the Department, Steve's dedication, strong sense of responsibility, and his feeling of ownership of the properties he worked at, was obvious to all the visitors who came to those properties and to the employees that worked with him. He was a motivator, educator and friend to everyone who had the opportunity to know and work with him.

Steve will now enjoy more time hunting, fishing and in general enjoying the outdoors with his wife Patti. Steve will also be working a small parcel of land in the country, preparing it for what they hope to become their future home.

WHEREAS, Steven J. Thomas has served the people of the State of Wisconsin faithfully and well in the performance of his duties and has thus earned the commendation due an exemplary employee;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Natural Resources Board at its December 2009 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