

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Retirement Resolution-David R. Lundberg

**FOR:** MARCH, 2009 BOARD MEETING

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Secretary Frank

**SUMMARY:**

Dave Lundberg retired February 13, 2009, after more than 34 years of service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt resolution for David R. Lundberg.

**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

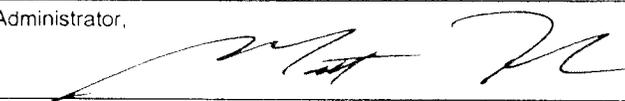
- No  Fiscal Estimate Required
- No  Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required
- No  Background Memo

- Yes  Attached
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**APPROVED:**

  
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 Regional Director, Scott Humrickhouse

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cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8  
Colleen Higgins-Eau Claire

## ***Retirement Resolution***

Dave Lundberg retired from the Department of Natural Resources on February 13, 2009, after completing more than 34 years of dedicated service to the people of the State of Wisconsin and the environment.

On May 6, 1974 Dave began his career with the Department of Natural Resources as a Limited Term Employee for the North West District Solid Waste Program in Spooner. On November 17, 1975 Dave was appointed, by then Secretary of the Department, I. P. Voight, to a permanent position as a Solid Waste Investigator. In that position Dave was responsible for inspection of all solid waste facilities within his assigned geographic area to assure compliance with state regulations. He also reviewed applications and plans for new and existing solid waste management facilities. During that time, he saw the transition from "hole in the ground" town dumps to the current, modern highly engineered landfills.

In April, 1986, Dave was promoted to the West Central District's Solid Waste Management Chief in Eau Claire, a position Dave held to his retirement. In this position Dave supervised all regional Waste Management staff and served on the statewide Waste Management Team.

Throughout Dave's long and distinguished career he brought a youthful enthusiasm, positive attitude and strong work ethic to the job. He carried the "fire in the belly" that he had on his first day of work in May of 1974 to his last day of work in February of 2009. Dave's environmental ethic carried through to his personal life and he set high standards for himself and the people he worked with. During the course of Dave's career he received numerous Exceptional Performance Awards; the Secretary's Recognition Award and was nominated by his peers for the Brogan Award which is the Department's highest form of employee recognition.

Dave has a special knack for working with a wide variety of people both externally and internally to get the job done. The personal qualities of dedication to the Department's mission, persistence in the face of adversity and excellent communication skills, both verbal and writing, served him and the Department well over the course of his career. His accomplishments over 30 plus years were many but some of the more notable were: working tirelessly to educate legislators, local officials and the public to the dangers and alternatives to open burning waste; coordinating the Department's response and cleanup at the Somerset Tire Fire which was the largest tire fire in Wisconsin's history; partnering with the Amish Community and Vernon County to cleanup and find a beneficial reuse for wood waste from Amish sawmills; working with local legislators to secure \$500,000 dollars to cleanup waste tire sites in Eau Claire County and working with local officials and recalcitrant parties to assure a number of "abandoned" landfills and former town dumps were properly closed and long term care was in place to protect the environment. This summary would not be complete if it did not make mention of the satisfaction Dave took in the many times he was able to personally represent the Department at meetings with local units of government, fire departments, the public at large and the Town's Association to explain Department policies and actions.

Dave's selfless attitude and concerns for others was not limited to his DNR career. Dave was a long time participant and an advocate for the Big Brother Big Sister program, a regular but reluctant participant in the annual Polar Plunge for Special Olympics and a frequent participant in local charity runs. Dave often spent his vacation volunteering to work on recreational trail improvements with the American Hiking Society in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area and other recreational areas and met his wife Peggy on one of these ventures.

***WHEREAS***, David Lundberg's dedication, professionalism, competence, work ethic and people oriented approach to his work have earned him the respect of his co-workers, supervisors and associates throughout the Department as well as from the public he served;

***NOW, THEREFORE***, the Natural Resources Board at its March 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