

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Retirement Resolution - Roger Larson

**FOR:** MARCH 2009 **BOARD MEETING**

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Matt Frank

**SUMMARY:**

Roger Larson retired after 31 years of service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Retirement Resolution for Roger Larson.

**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, Russell Rasmussen

2/12/2009  
 Date

  
 Administrator, Todd Ambs

2/18/09  
 Date

  
 Secretary, Matt Frank

3/9/09  
 Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8  
 Julia Riley - WT/3

## ***Retirement Resolution***

Roger Larson retired from the Department of Natural Resources in December 2008 having provided over 31 years of honorable and valuable service in improving water quality in the state. Roger completed his B.S. in Meteorology and M.S. in Civil Engineering and Water Resources at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He began his career with the Department in November 1976 as an Environmental Engineer 1 in the Municipal Wastewater Section of the Bureau of Water Quality.

Within three years, Roger rapidly advanced from his initial project position to a supervisory position as Unit Leader for the Plan Review Section in the Bureau of Water Quality. In October 1989, Roger was promoted to Chief of the Clean Water Fund Section of the Bureau of Community Assistance Management. In April 1995, Roger moved to the Bureau of Wastewater Management as Chief of the Storm Water and Land Activities Section. His spirit of cooperation and teamwork, exceptional problem-solving skills, and ability to prioritize work and keep critical issues moving were recognized by his supervisors.

In September 1996, he became the Chief of the Point Source Technical Evaluation Section in the Bureau of Watershed Management. Four years later, Roger provided additional leadership by stepping into the role of Assistant Bureau Director and was hired in June 2006 as the Deputy Bureau Director for Watershed Management. His supervisor, Bureau Director Russ Rasmussen, commented, "Roger's extensive knowledge and experience in the widely diverse programs administered in the Bureau have been invaluable. This coupled with his professional style and outstanding people skills have resulted in an outstanding career of enormous benefit to the citizens and natural resources of the state."

***WHEREAS***, Roger Larson has served the people of the State of Wisconsin faithfully and well in the performance of his duties and has earned a commendation due an exemplary public employee;

***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***