

**SUBJECT:** Retirement Resolution - Gregory W. Swanson

**FOR:** OCTOBER, 2009 BOARD MEETING

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Secretary Matt Frank

**SUMMARY:**

Gregory W. Swanson will retire on December 30, 2009 after completing 16 years of service to the citizens of Wisconsin.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt retirement resolution for Gregory Swanson

**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, Laurel F. Steffes

9/28/09

Date

Administrator, Vance Rayburn

9/29/09

Date

Secretary, Matt Frank

10-6-09

Date

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- Vance Rayburn - AD/8
- Laurel Steffes - AD/8
- Carrie Mickelson - HR/8

## *Retirement Resolution*

Gregory W. Swanson is retiring from the Department of Natural Resources on December 30, 2009, after completing 16 years of dedicated service to the State of Wisconsin.

Greg began his career with the Department of Transportation as a District Communications Manager in the Wisconsin Rapids Transportation District on October 11, 1993. Greg was involved with several significant public information and outreach efforts including creating a manual to help local businesses and communities cope with major road construction projects, implementing highway safety campaigns, and developing and implementing a communication plan for the Highway 29 four-lane reconstruction between Green Bay and Eau Claire.

Greg joined the Department of Natural Resources in 1999 as a Senior Public Affairs Manager in the central office. In his career, he served the Divisions of Customer and Employee Services and Air and Waste, and was part of a team on the Lower Fox River/Green Bay PCB clean-up project. With his strong background in the television medium, Greg has also been a cornerstone of DNR's MediaSite web video streaming program, providing direction, production, scripting, voiceover and editing services. And he is the faceless, friendly 'voice on hold' at DNR's call center, advising callers of licensing requirements, seasonal happenings, and more. His outstanding achievements in public affairs and community outreach efforts contributed to the on-going successful clean up of PCB contaminated sediment in the Fox River, one of the largest and most expensive clean-up projects ever undertaken in the U.S. He has also been frequently assigned to work as a Public Information Officer for Wisconsin Emergency Management during exercises and drills and during emergency situations involving flooding, winter storms and tornadoes.

To his colleagues, Greg is friendly, easy going and unflappable, and he will be missed. All who have worked with Greg wish him the best for the future. The citizens of our state are indebted to Greg Swanson for his outstanding work in keeping them informed and involved in Wisconsin's transportation and natural resources issues.

*WHEREAS*, Gregory W. Swanson 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 2009 meeting at Madison, Wisconsin, recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, wishes Greg a long, happy and healthy retirement, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

*Natural Resources Board*

Christine Thomas, CHAIR