

**SUBJECT:** Retirement Resolution-- Barbara J. Zellmer

**FOR:** JANUARY 2010 **BOARD MEETING**

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

**SUMMARY:**

Barbara J. Zellmer will retire from the Department of Natural Resources on January 8, 2010, after nearly 30 years of service to the citizens and the resources of the State of Wisconsin.

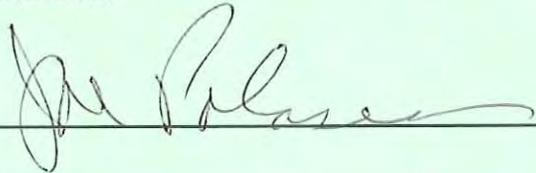
**RECOMMENDATION:**

**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,

01-08-10  
 Date

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 Administrator,

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 Date

  
 Secretary, Matt Frank

1/13/10  
 Date

## *Retirement Resolution*

Barbara J. Zellmer retired from the Department of Natural Resources on January 8, 2010, after nearly 30 years of service to the citizens and the resources of the State of Wisconsin.

Barb began her career with the Department on February 11, 1980 with the Bureau of Water Grants, as a project coordinator responsible for reviewing funding applications for wastewater treatment projects.

In November of 1980, Barb accepted a position with the Hazardous Waste Section in the Bureau of Waste Management. As an Environmental Specialist with that program she was involved in further developing and implementing regulations covering the production and management of hazardous waste. Barb was promoted to the Hazardous Waste Management Section Chief in February, 1988. Barb's 17 years of work with the program included the early years, where her work was instrumental in building the program. In May, 1988 she received a commendation from Environmental Resources Administrator, Lyman Wible for her efforts in redefining Wisconsin's Hazardous Waste regulations to meet federal standards, resulting in authorization of Wisconsin's program by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In July of 1996, Barb moved to the Bureau of Endangered Resources where she led the Ecosystem and Diversity Conservation Section. She was the co-team leader with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the original Whooping Crane reintroduction effort in Wisconsin, a very involved assignment that came with a note from then Land Division Administrator Steve Miller that indicated "this project won't take much of your time."

Barb then had the opportunity to serve as the Department's Executive Assistant from 2001 – 2003 under former Secretary Darrell Bazzell, with responsibilities for managing agency operations and handling a host of policy issues for the Department.

Barb became the chief of the Management & Planning Section in the Office of Management and Budget in 2003 where she led planning efforts, managed federal budget issues and served as the Congressional liaison for the agency. She also led the Fish and Wildlife Management Team to provide a more integrated approach to fish and wildlife conservation program planning and funding.

*WHEREAS*, Barbara J. Zellmer 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 January 2010 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