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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item

Item No. 6.A.

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolutions

FOR: January 2014

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Stepp

SUMMARY: The Department requests the following employees be recognized and commended for faithful and exemplary public service:

Employee	Years of Service
1. Michael Folgert	36
2. Mark Giesfeldt	34
3. James Pearson	33

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt the retirement resolutions for January 2014.

Approved by	Signature	Date
, Bureau Director N/A		
, Administrator N/A		
Cathy Stepp, Secretary		1/8/14

cc: Board Liaison - AD/8

Retirement Resolution

Michael Folgert, Area Forestry Leader in Peshtigo, retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on January 11, 2014 after 36 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

Mike received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin – Steven's Point, in 1979 with a Major in Forest Management. Shortly after graduation he began his career with the Department as a Forester/Ranger Trainee at Tomahawk. In a distinguished career, Mike held many positions with the Department including Forester/Ranger at Wautoma, Area Forestry Supervisor at Marinette, Basin Leader for the Upper Green Bay Basin, Fire Management Officer, and Area Forestry Leader, all at Peshtigo. Mike was a supervisor for 29 years – but distinguished himself as a Leader his entire career.

Along the way, he integrated the Fire and Forest Management Program, lead many training efforts in the Fire Program, and was a member of many teams including the Fire Department Advisory Committee, the Forestry Operations Team, the Great Lakes Forest Fire Compact, and the the Northeast District Forestry Leadership Team, to name just a few of many. Mike was a great leader, mentor, coach and team mate. He had a knack for getting the very best effort out of the folks he supervised.

WHEREAS, Michael Folgert 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 2014 meeting recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, wishes Michael a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

Natural Resources Board

Preston D. Cole, Chair

Retirement Resolution

Mark Giesfeldt, Bureau Director for the Remediation and Redevelopment Program in Madison, retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on January 2, 2014 after 34 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

Mark began his employement with WDNR in January, 1979 as an Environmental Engineer in Madison. He advanced rapidly, promoting to Waste Supervisor in 1981 and to Bureau Director for the R&R Program in 1996.

Mark was instrumental in establishing the R&R Program, and in developing the self implementing NR 700 cleanup rules. Mark also created partnership efforts with the State's Brownfield Study Group resulting in Wisconsin becoming a national leader in brownfield cleanup and redevelopment. Mark was a leader in creating the only "one cleanup approach" in the nation. Under this program, state cleanup requrements are acknowledged to also meet federal requirements.

Mark also actively represented Wisconsin nationally on the Association of State & Territorial Solid Waste Officials (ASTSWMO) Board of Directors. For his many services and roles, Mark received the ASTSWMO Lifetime Achievement award in 2008.

WHEREAS, Mark Giesfeldt 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 December 2013 meeting recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, wishes Mark a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

Natural Resources Board

Preston D. Cole, Chair

Retirement Resolution

James Pearson, Forester in Spooner, retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on March 1, 2013 after 33 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

In August 1979, Jim began his career with the DNR as a forester trainee in Tomahawk Wisconsin. In February of 1980, Jim was permanently placed as a forester at the Spooner Ranger Station, where he worked the rest of his career. As a forester in Spooner, Jim was intimately involved with forest management on state and county lands, especially the Washburn County Forest.

Throughout his career, Jim was always the dependable, productive, and hardworking "beaver" type person. With Jim, the task got done in a conscientious, knowledgeable, collaborative and dedicated to the resource manner. He always gets along with others and has been a selfless and great mentor to many foresters and technicians over the years. Jim is known for his superb work on the Washburn County Forest and various local state owned lands. He was constantly striving for quality improvement in forest management, especially when working with tree planting, oak/birch regeneration, and timber sale design. Jim has left an immortal mark on the management of the Washburn County Forest and local state lands.

Jim has tirelessly served the general public and his colleagues in a spirit of professionalism, courtesy and dedication throughout his career. Projects and relationships that Jim has cultivated will continue to grow, and the public will benefit from his service for years to come.

WHEREAS, James Pearson 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 2014 meeting recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, wishes James a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

Natural Resources Board

Preston D. Cole, Chair