

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Retirement Resolution - Dean Farr

FOR: AUGUST 2009 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Dean Farr will retire after 37 years of service to the citizens of the state of Wisconsin


RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Retirement Resolution for Dean Farr

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:




 Regional Director,

04-24-2009

 Date

Administrator,



 Secretary, Matt Frank

 Date
6-22-09

 Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8
 NOR/KRANTZ-SPANNER

Retirement Resolution

Dean Farr will be retiring from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on November 18, 2009 after completing over 37 years of outstanding service to the people of Wisconsin. His last day in the office will be May 1, 2009.

Dean began his career with the DNR on March 6, 1972 as a forester trainee stationed in Park Falls. After his training year, Dean transferred to Ladysmith where his first permanent assignment was liaison forester for the Rusk County Forest. In addition to county lands, Dean was responsible for Game Management Lands and private forestry management in the Ladysmith area. In October 1977, Dean took a lateral transfer to Trout Lake as forester on the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest. This position was his dream job and he has been working there since that time.

Throughout his career, Dean has always conducted his business in a professional and dedicated manner in service to the department and his community. As forester on the NHAL State Forest for over 31 years, Dean has worked many job duties throughout the largest state property in Wisconsin. Among his duties and responsibilities were the implementation and direction of the Forest Reconnaissance Program, the Insect & Disease Detection & Suppression Program and the Cultural and Timber Stand Improvement Program through the operations of the Youth Conservation Camp located at Statehouse Lake. Dean lists his major accomplishments to include the involvement in the establishment of a PC capture program of recon tabular data, which was first used in 1989. He was also involved in the development of RAVE, an Arcview interface program designed to assist with the editing of spatial and tabular reconnaissance data. This program was tested here and first used in 1995. Since then the records and files at Trout Lake have been Dean's oversight and their organization are impeccable.

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

WHEREAS, Dean Farr has been a conscientious and dedicated employee throughout his career gaining the respect, trust and gratitude of his fellow employees and earning the commendation due an exemplary public employee;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Natural Resources Board at its August 2008 meeting at Hayward, 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