

**SUBJECT:** Retirement Resolutions - Richard (Rich) Evans

**FOR:** AUGUST, 2009 BOARD MEETING

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

**SUMMARY:**

Richard (Rich) Evans retired on January 4, 2010, with over 23 years of service

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt retirement resolution for Richard (Rich) Evans

**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

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| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required                              | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Background Memo                                       | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

**APPROVED:**

Lloyd L. Eagan  
Regional Director, Lloyd L. Eagan

6/23/2009  
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Administrator,  
Matt Frank  
Secretary, Matt Frank

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cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8  
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## *Retirement Resolution*

Richard (Rich) E. Evans is retiring from the Department of Natural Resources on January 4, 2010, after completing over 23 years of dedicated service to the State of Wisconsin.

Rich began his career with Department of Natural Resources working as an LTE at the Black River State Forest in 1967 and 1968. Military service took Rich away from the Department until August 24, 1970, when he returned as a seasonal Conservation Aid and then as a Natural Resources Assistant for the Black River State Forest. In the fall of 1975, Rich left his seasonal position with the Department and accepted a position as a public school teacher. From 1975 to 1986, while teaching in the Dodgeville public school system, Rich also worked as an LTE Ranger for Governor Dodge State Park. In September 1986, Rich was hired as a Park Manager Trainee, beginning his permanent career in the Department's parks and recreation program. During his time in the trainee program, Rich worked at both Devil's Lake State Park and the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest. On August 31, 1987 Rich was appointed as Park Superintendent at Harrington Beach State Park. During his tenure at Harrington Beach, Rich also served as Acting Superintendent of the Havenwoods Environmental Center.

On November 7, 1999, Rich was promoted to the position of Park Superintendent of the Devil's Lake Work Unit. While in that position Rich supervised the state's largest state park, developed the "Friends of Devil's Lake" volunteer group and worked on the phosphorus project on Devil's Lake.

Rich was promoted to the position of South Central Region Parks and Recreation Supervisor on April 13, 2008 and served in that position until his retirement. In his tenure as Regional Parks and Recreation Supervisor he made a number of improvements to regional park operations such as: reworking the region's firearm training system and requirements, developing peer review groups to recommend improvements to individual park operations and working tirelessly to increase park budgets during times of other budget cutbacks. Rich was an excellent manager, and well respected by employees both within and outside of the parks and recreation program. He will be greatly missed by the parks and recreation program.

**WHEREAS**, Richard E. Evans 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 August 2009 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