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State Building Commission Supports Projects in 34th Assembly District

Madison, WI – Today, Rep. Rob Swearingen (R - Rhinelander), a member of the state Building Commission, released the following statement after the committee voted to approve a number of projects impacting the greater Northwoods.

The projects involve pavement repairs at the Trout Lake Headquarters in the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest, and repairs and upgrades to the Art A. Oehmcke Fish Hatchery in Oneida County.

"I was pleased to support these two projects which will benefit the residents of the greater Northwoods. The pavement surrounding the Trout Lake station needs resurfacing due to general degradation; I voted to support this motion.

In addition, I supported upgrades and repairs for the Art A. Oehmcke Fish Hatchery, which will produce larger Walleye fingerlings. Funding for the fish hatchery was approved during the 2013 budget in accordance with the Governor's Walleye Initiative. This project will increase survival rates for Walleye, to promote the Northwoods tourism industry," stated Rep. Swearingen.

The Building Commission also voted in support of 11 additional projects. The projects spanned from UW-System maintenance and renovations, construction of a Ranger Station in Medford to renovations at the Copper Lake School in Lincoln County.

<u>The Building Commission</u> is an eight member body chaired by the Governor, along with six legislators from both the minority and majority party, and a citizen member. The groups' mission is to plan, oversee, and approve building projects around the state.

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