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Senator Agard Applauds Appointment of Adam N. Payne to DNR Secretary

MADISON – Yesterday, Governor Tony Evers appointed Sheboygan County Administrator Adam Payne to serve as Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The appointment fills the vacancy created by former Secretary Preston D. Cole’s retirement. Senate Democratic Leader Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement:

“From our beautiful lakes, state parks, diverse wildlife, and more - Wisconsin’s environment and natural resources are vital for our state, and must be fiercely protected. Adam Payne will step into the Department of Natural Resources Secretary position with an extensive résumé of preserving, restoring, and enhancing Wisconsin’s natural heritage. Mr. Payne’s deep roots in Wisconsin outdoors, from working on his family’s farm to trapping and fishing, followed by an elaborate career dedicated to conserving our state’s precious natural resources has prepared him to successfully lead Wisconsin’s Department of Natural Resources.

“Building on the efforts of retiring DNR Secretary Preston D. Cole to remediate lead, PFAS, and other harmful contaminants in Wisconsin waterways, I am eager to work with Adam Payne during the upcoming legislative session to continue improving and maintaining Wisconsin’s resources for all to enjoy for generations.”

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