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☛ **Brenda S. Halminiak**

(FORM UPDATED: 08/11/2010)

**WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ...  
PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS**

**2009-10**

(session year)

**Senate**

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

**Committee on ... Transportation, Tourism,  
Forestry, and Natural Resources (SC-TTFNR)**

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## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources**

**Halminiak, Brenda**, of Rhinelander, as a member of the Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2012.

January 06, 2009 Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

#### February 19, 2009 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (0) None.

##### Appearances For

- None.

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

##### Registrations For

- Libby Gerds, Madison — Office of Governor Doyle

##### Registrations Against

- None.

##### Registrations for Information Only

- None.

#### February 19, 2009 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Holperin that **Halminiak, Brenda** be recommended for confirmation.

Ayes: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Noes: (0) None.

CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Elizabeth Novak  
Committee Clerk



## State of Wisconsin\Government Accountability Board

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KEVIN J. KENNEDY  
Director and General Counsel

8/1/2008

Senate Committee Members:

The attached Statement of Economic Interests is provided with regard to the individual's nomination to a State Public Office by Governor Jim Doyle.

Sincerely,  
STATE OF WISCONSIN GOVERNMENT  
ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Nominee: **Halminiak, Brenda S.**  
Nomination Date: 7/29/2008

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## Statement of Economic Interests

Filed in 2008 for calendar year 2007 by *BS*

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**Halminiak, Brenda S.**

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### Part A

As of December 31, 2007

#### 1. INVESTMENTS

**a) WISCONSIN DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM** If you held an investment in a fund available within the Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program, please place a checkmark next to each fund in which you held \$5,000 or more, whether held privately or through the Program.

Profile Series	\$50,000 or less	More than \$50,000	Small Cap	\$50,000 or less	More than \$50,000	Bond	\$50,000 or less	More than \$50,000
Vanguard Retirement 2045 Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	BGI Russell 2000 Index - Collective T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	BGI US Debt Index Fund - Collective W	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vanguard Retirement 2035 Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	DFA US Micro Cap Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Federated US Government Securities 2-5yr	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vanguard Retirement 2025 Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Mid Cap</b>			Vanguard Long-term Investment Grade Adm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vanguard Retirement 2015 Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	BGI Mid Cap Equity Index - Collective W	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Money Market</b>		
Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	T Rowe Price Mid Cap Growth Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vanguard Admiral Treasury Money Market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>International</b>			<b>Large Cap</b>			<b>Fixed Returns for the Quarter</b>		
American Funds Euro Pacific R5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Calvert Social Investment Equity I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stable Value Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BGI EAFE Equity Index - Collective W	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fidelity Contra Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	FDIC Bank Option	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Plus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
			Vanguard Wellington Fund - Admiral	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

**b) OTHER INVESTMENTS** List stocks, bonds, limited partnerships, Wisconsin governmental securities, and mutual and money market funds in which you and your family's interest was valued at \$5,000 or more.

#### MUTUAL OR MONEY MARKET FUND

(check one) \$50,000 or less      More than \$50,000

American Funds American Balanced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
American Funds American High Income Trust Bond	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
American Funds Bond Fund of America	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
American Funds Capital Income Builder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
American Funds Capital World Bond	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
American Funds Capital World Growth & Income	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
American Funds Fundamental Investors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
American Funds Growth Fund of America	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
American Funds Investment Company of America	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
American Funds New Perspective	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
American Funds New World	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
American Funds Small Cap World	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Goldman Sachs Research Select	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<del>MES Capital Opportunities</del>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prime Fund Capital Reserves	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Vanguard Life Strategy Growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>STOCKS/OPTIONS/FUTURES</b>	(check one)	\$50,000 or less	More than \$50,000
Intel Corp.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>BONDS</b>	(check one)	\$50,000 or less	More than \$50,000
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS</b>	(check one)	\$50,000 or less	More than \$50,000
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>WISCONSIN GOVERNMENTAL SECURITIES</b>	(check one)	\$50,000 or less	More than \$50,000
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**2. BUSINESS ACTIVITIES** List businesses, farms, rental, commercial, and income-producing real estate; and business activities in which you or your family had at least a 10% or greater interest.

a) Enterprise(s) operating under a business or trade name, list here.

Name of business	Municipality or Town	County	State	Describe nature of business
Eco Strategies Consulting	Rhineland	Oneida	WI	Environmental Consulting

b) Enterprise(s) NOT operating under a business or trade name, list here.

Name of business	Municipality or Town	County	State	Describe nature of business

**3. COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS, CLIENTS, AND TENANTS** For each unincorporated business, subchapter S corporation, service corporation (SC), limited liability company (LLC), partnership, or income-producing real estate reported in Item 2, list businesses, organizations, and lobbyists that paid the enterprise \$1,000 or more in calendar year 2007.

Check if the organization authorized you to represent it in its dealings with others as an attorney-at-law, agent, spokesperson, or representative.

Businesses, organizations, lobbyists that were customers, clients, or tenants	City	State	"✓"
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>

**4. BUSINESS PARTNERS** For each enterprise reported under Item 2, list its co-owners, partners, officers, and directors (other than yourself), unless the information is already registered with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions.

Business	Partners, or officers and directors	City	State

**5. NON-COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE** List the specific location of WISCONSIN REAL ESTATE in which you or your family had an interest (except your principal residence and real estate whose location you already listed in item 2).

Location of property Street address or fire number	Municipality or town	County	Nature of interest (e.g. own, lease, option, easement, land contract)

**6. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS** List organizations of which you or a family member was an officer or director (unless already listed in item 2).

Business or organization	City	State	Position
Wisconsin Women Equals Prosperity, Inc. (non-profit 501(c)3)	Madison	WI	Board member

**7. AGENT, REPRESENTATIVE OR SPOKESPERSON** List organizations that authorized you or a family member to represent them in their dealings with others as an attorney-at-law, agent, spokesperson, or representative (unless already listed in item 2, 3 or 6).

Business or organization	City	State

**8. CREDITORS** List creditors to which you or your family owed \$5,000 or more. (check one)

Creditor	City	State	\$50,000 or less	More than \$50,000
Associated Bank	Rhineland	WI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Part B For calendar year 2007**

**9. EMPLOYERS** List your and your family's EMPLOYERS (\$1,000 or more of income) in 2007.

Name of employer (If State of Wisconsin, also identify agency or institution)	City	State	Nature of employer's business
City of Rhineland	Rhineland	WI	Municipal government
Sand Creek Consultants, Inc	Rhineland	WI	Environmental Consulting



**10. ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INCOME** List other sources from which you or your family received income of \$1,000 or more in 2007.

Source of income	City	State

**11. ENTERTAINMENT AND GIFTS** List individuals and organizations that provided you with entertainment or gifts (more than \$50) in 2007.

Name of provider	City	State

**12. HONORARIA AND EXPENSES** List, for 2007, sources of honoraria and payment of expenses related to your state government duties (more than \$50) not previously reported to the Government Accountability Board.

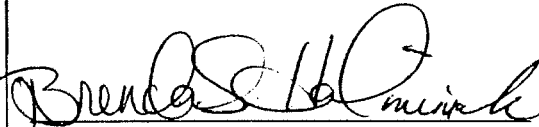
Payer	Approximate value of expenses	Amount of honorarium	Circumstances of receipt

**FILING NOTES -or- COMMENTS**

*If we saw an opportunity to clarify a prior report, we added comments or filing tips below. Please review any comments and make the appropriate corrections.*

**CERTIFICATION**

I have read the accompanying instructions and certify that the information contained in this Statement of Economic Interests is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. If any part has been left blank, I have done so intentionally because there is nothing to report.

	Daytime phone #	(715) 365-1824 x 11
	Date	2-17-08
	E-mail address	bsh@sand-creek.com
<b>Signature of person filing</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>E-mail address</b>

The information sought in this form is required by §§19.43 and 19.44, *Wisconsin Statutes*. Failure to file a completed form may result in a forfeiture of up to \$500. Statements of Economic Interests are open for public inspection. The Government Accountability Board will notify you of the identity of any person who examines your Statement. In accordance with §15.04(1)(m), *Wisconsin Statutes*, the Government Accountability Board states that no personally identifiable information is likely to be used for purposes other than those for which it is collected.

Mall or fax to: Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, 44 E. Mifflin St., Suite 601, Madison, WI 53703-2800; Fax: (608) 264-9319



**JIM DOYLE**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**

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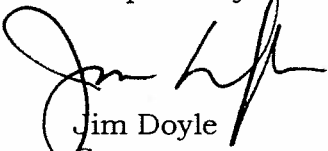
July 29, 2008

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do reappoint Brenda Halminiak to be a Professional Geologist on the Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists to serve a term expiring July 1, 2012.

Ms. Halminiak will be available to the Senate for hearings and my staff will assist in any way they can.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Doyle  
Governor



**JIM DOYLE**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF WISCONSIN

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July 29, 2008

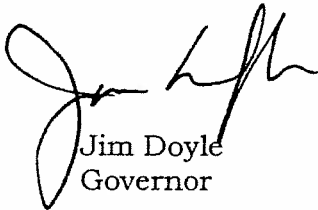
Ms. Brenda Halminiak  
606 Mason Street  
Rhineland, Wisconsin 54501

Dear Ms. Halminiak:

I am pleased to reappoint you to the Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists, effective July 29, 2008. Your experience, knowledge, and dedication continue to be a true asset to my administration and a great benefit to the people of Wisconsin.

I look forward to working with you to find creative ways of delivering services and implementing positive change for the citizens of our state.

Sincerely,



Jim Doyle  
Governor



16 Randall Avenue  
P.O. Box 1512  
Rhineland, WI 54501  
Phone: (715) 365-1818  
Fax: (866) 608-6473

**Brenda S. Halminiak, P.G.**  
**Sr. Geologist / Project Manager**

**STRENGTHS: Design and Management of Environmental Monitoring and Remediation Plans  
Strong Oral and Written Communication Skills in All Aspects of All Projects  
Highly Qualified EP under ASTM for Performance of Phase I/II ESAs  
Knowledge of Phytotechnologies, a Rapidly Growing Remedial Service Area**

**EXPERIENCE**

As a Project Manager in Sand Creek Consultants' Rhineland office, Ms. Halminiak is responsible for virtually all aspects of successful completion of environmental investigations and remediations. The general course of Ms. Halminiak's responsibilities are summarized as follows:

- Review of existing site data, including site-specific and regional environmental and geologic data;
- Develop strategic planning for additional site investigation and data collection;
- Communicate planned activities with regulatory agency, client, and contractors;
- Coordinate the approved investigative activities (e.g. drilling, sampling, other data collection);
- Compile and interpret site data, and work with engineering staff to devise efficient remedial plans;
- Meet with client, regulatory agency, or other as necessary to ensure all concerned parties are informed;
- Develop long-term monitoring or closure strategies, as appropriate.

Ms. Halminiak has designed and implemented a series of surface water and sediment sampling efforts to assess water and sediment quality in stream(s) adjacent to former landfills. Her work has involved strategic planning, coordination of sample parameters and locations with the regulatory agency, and successful completion and reporting of these efforts.

Ms. Halminiak has conducted investigations at leaking underground tank sites, landfills, and other contaminated properties in Wisconsin and New Mexico.

Ms. Halminiak has completed nearly 100 Phase I ESA's and, when necessary, follow-up Phase II ESA's for private and federal clients in Wisconsin and Michigan.

Ms. Halminiak has overseen remedial excavations of contaminated soils, operation of ground water pump and treat and other remedial systems, and has written numerous reports as required by various state agencies, demonstrating the performance of the selected remedial activities.

**EDUCATION**

B.A. Geology (1995) Lawrence University, Appleton, WI (Overall GPA 3.7, *magna cum laude*)

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUBSEQUENT TO FORMAL EDUCATION**

- Groundwater Hydrology (4 CEU, 1997)
- Soil and Groundwater Contamination (4 CEU, 1998)
- Site Remediation (4 CEU, 1999)

- Screening Modeling for Natural Attenuation with BIOSCREEN, BIOCHLOR, and the NA Tool Kit, Hartford, Connecticut, October, 2000
- Natural Attenuation for Remediation of Contaminated Sites, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, January, 2001
- Advances in Pumping and Slug Testing for Improved Site Characterization: New Concepts, Field Methods and Data Analysis Techniques, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Batavia, Illinois, September, 2001
- Updates on Wisconsin's Petroleum Tank Program Rules and Regulations, Waukesha, Wisconsin, October, 2001
- Phytotechnologies Workshop, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November, 2002
- Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals in the Environment: What Does it Mean for Ground Water?, Minneapolis, Minnesota, March, 2003
- Environmental Chemistry for Characterizing and Remediating Soil and Groundwater Contamination, Madison, Wisconsin, September, 2003
- Lead Sampling, Lead Inspection, and Lead Hazard Investigation Courses, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, January, 2005
- Third International Phytotechnologies Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, April, 2005
- Comm 47 Information Session: Updates on Changes to the PECFA program, Wausau, Wisconsin, February, 2006
- Due Diligence at Dawn: AAI and Liability: Prepare, Preserve, and Protect, Minneapolis, Minnesota, March, 2006
- Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments for Commercial Real Estate, San Diego, California, May, 2006
- Alternative Covers for Landfills, Waste Repositories, and Mine Wastes: Design, Modeling, Construction, and Monitoring, Chicago, Illinois, October, 2006
- Wetland Delineation Training, La Crosse, WI, July, 2007

#### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

1995 – 1999: Wausau-Mosinee Paper Corporation, Rhinelander Mill, Manufacturing Process Technician, Temporary Quality Control Shift Supervisor, Coated Products Shift Supervisor

1999 – present: Sand Creek Consultants, Inc., Project Manager

#### **AFFILIATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS**

##### ***Qualification-Based Professional Organizations, Certifications, or Affiliations***

- Wisconsin Registered Professional Geologist (#1223)
- Wisconsin Licensed Lead Risk Assessor (LRA-113408)
- Wisconsin Licensed Asbestos Inspector (AII-113408)
- NR 712.03(3) Qualified Scientist, Wisconsin DNR
- PECFA Registered Consultant (#680579), Wisconsin Department of Commerce
- Board Member—Wisconsin Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists, April 2006 to present

##### ***Non-Qualification Based Professional Organizations or Affiliations***

- National Ground Water Association (NGWA)
- American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG)
- Geological Society of America (GSA)



**JIM DOYLE**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF WISCONSIN

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GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT

**NAME:** Brenda Halminiak

**MAILING ADDRESS:** 606 Mason Street  
Rhineland, WI 54501

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** bsh@sand-creek.com

**RESIDES IN:** Rhineland, WI

**TELEPHONE:** 715-365-1824

**APPOINTED TO:** Examining Board of Professional Geologists,  
Hydrologists and Soil Scientists  
  
Professional Geologist

**TERM:** A term to expire July 1, 2012

**SUCCEEDS:** Herself

**SENATE CONFIRMATION:** Yes

**DATE OF APPOINTMENT:** July 29, 2008

**DATE OF NOMINATION:** July 29, 2008