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TODD AMBS  
(FORM UPDATED: 08/11/2010)

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

### 2005-06

(session year)

### Senate

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

## Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation...

### COMMITTEE NOTICES ...

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### INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL

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  - (**ab** = Assembly Bill)                      (**ar** = Assembly Resolution)                      (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)
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- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**

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## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation**

**Ambs, Todd**, of Madison, as a member of the Great Lakes Protection Fund, to serve for the term ending October 11, 2009.

January 18, 2006      Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.

March 1, 2006      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (5)    Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and Breske.

Absent:    (0)    None.

Appearances For

- Todd Ambs, Madison — WI Department of Natural Resources

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Mindy Walker — Office of Governor Jim Doyle

Registrations Against

- None.

March 1, 2006      **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present:    (5)    Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and Breske.

Absent:    (0)    None.

Moved by Senator Breske, seconded by Senator Kapanke that **Ambs, Todd** be recommended for confirmation.

Ayes:    (5)    Senators Kedzie, Stepp, Kapanke, Wirch and Breske.

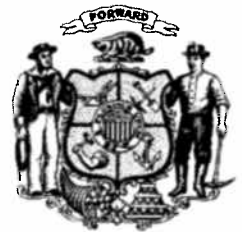
Noes:    (0)    None.

CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Dan Johnson  
Committee Clerk



# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





**JIM DOYLE**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF WISCONSIN

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January 18, 2006

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do reappoint Todd Ambs to be a Public Member of the Great Lakes Protection Fund to serve a term expiring October 11, 2009.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Doyle".

Jim Doyle  
Governor



**JIM DOYLE**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF WISCONSIN

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January 18, 2006

Mr. Todd Ambs  
Div., Administrator, Water Programs Mgmt.  
101 S Webster St AD 5  
P.O. Box 7921  
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Mr. Ambs:

I am pleased to reappoint you to the Great Lakes Protection Fund, effective January 18, 2006. 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.

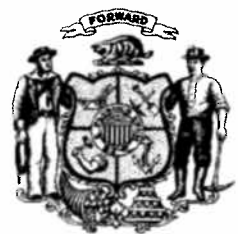
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Doyle".

Jim Doyle  
Governor



# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





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

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GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT

**NAME:** Todd Ambs

**MAILING ADDRESS:** DNR  
101 S Webster St AD 5  
P.O. Box 7921  
Madison, WI 53702

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** todd.ambs@dnr.state.wi.us

**RESIDES IN:** Madison, WI

**TELEPHONE:** (608) 264-6278 (w)

**OCCUPATION:** Division Administrator, Department of Natural Resources

**APPOINTED TO:** Great Lakes Protection Fund  
Public Member

**TERM:** A term to expire October 11, 2009

**SUCCEEDS:** Himself

**SENATE CONFIRMATION:** Yes

**DATE OF APPOINTMENT:** January 18, 2006

**DATE OF NOMINATION:** January 18, 2006



TODD AMBS  
2538 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE  
MADISON, WI 53711  
(608) 238-3316  
(608) 264-6278

WORK  
HISTORY  
1998-2003

**RIVER ALLIANCE OF WISCONSIN**  
Executive Director - Madison, Wisconsin

- Created and implemented a comprehensive strategic and fundraising plan for this nonprofit organization. Significantly increased the breadth and scope of the group in four years. Revenue and staff increased more than 600 percent.
- Positioned the organization as one of the leaders on water policy issues in Wisconsin. Senator Gaylord Nelson referred to the River Alliance as, "One of the most effective and credible voices for the flowing waters of our state."
- Spearheaded the effort to create the Clean Water Coalition. Over three dozen groups worked for several years to help to pass a strong set of state rules to control polluted runoff - the number one water quality threat in Wisconsin.
- Led the effort to pass legislation to create the State River Grants Protection Program. Since the law went into effect in 1999, nearly two million dollars has gone to assist nearly 100 river and watershed organizations across the state.

1997-1998

**WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
Senior Policy Analyst - Madison, WI

- Served as the lead analyst for the Wisconsin Attorney General on important public policy issues affecting the agency.
- Organized three national meetings on utility deregulation issues on behalf of the Attorney General when he served as President of the National Association of Attorneys General.
- Led staff effort to develop the One-Percent for Kids initiative to tie funding for child abuse prevention programs to the amount of money spent on the Department of Corrections. This funding initiative was ultimately included in the truth in sentencing law passed in 1998.
- Developed and finalized all content for the first Department of Justice website. Handled all updates and maintenance of website content.
- Coordinated the development and implementation of the Attorney General's Safe Schools initiative. Organized seven hearings around Wisconsin to identify key issues and solutions to make Wisconsin schools safer.

1995-1997

**RIVERS UNLIMITED**  
Executive Director - Columbus, Ohio

- Created and implemented a comprehensive strategic and fundraising plan for this nonprofit organization. Quadrupled the income and tripled staff size through successful fundraising efforts in the first year.

- Positioned the group as a leader in water policy issues in Ohio. Appointed to serve on the Ohio EPA's Great Lakes Water Quality Advisory Committee. The Akron Beacon Journal said the organization has "emerged as the umbrella organization for local grass-roots groups pushing greenway plans in Ohio."
- Spearheaded the effort to organize the Citizen's for Clean Water in Ohio. The 34 organizations, representing nearly one million people, was Ohio's largest alliance ever assembled for clean water.
- Produced a package of high quality, innovative, river protection and restoration programs.

1991-1995

**OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**  
**Director of Policy - Columbus, Ohio**

- Combined policy and communications operations to create the first Policy Section ever in an Attorney General's office. The National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) called this new office structure the "*Ohio model*." A NAAG management review team said this unique approach was, "one of the key front office innovations of the last decade" for AG's offices in the country.
- Developed and implemented over 80 new programs in the office including the creation of a Children's Protection Section, establishment of an Early Warning Policy for Ohio businesses, and the development of law enforcement programs that led the *Columbus Dispatch* to call Attorney General Lee Fisher an "innovative, adaptable crime fighter."
- Supervised a public relations staff called, "one of the most effective press/PR operations in state government" by Ohio's largest newspaper, *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*.
- Supervised a staff of 33. Served on biennial budget team, administering a \$55 million yearly budget.

1987-1990

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**Assistant Chief, Public Information & Education - Columbus, Ohio**

- Developed innovative media relations strategy, consistently increasing the number of broadcast and print opportunities.
- Designed and implemented statewide activities for Earth Day 20th Anniversary. Created theme and coordinated efforts of 30 state agencies.
- Supervised a staff of seven.

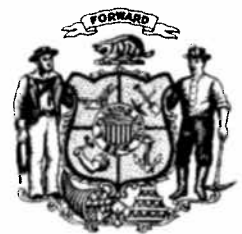
**EDUCATION** B.A. in Political Science/Speech; Eastern Michigan University, April 1980.  
 Graduated Cum Laude. Dean's list every semester.  
 Member, National Championship Collegiate Speech Team.

**TECHNICAL SKILLS** Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, Outlook, HTML Web Design.

**REFERENCES** Available on request.



# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





STATE OF WISCONSIN  
***ETHICS BOARD***

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Roth Judd  
Director

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 ETHICS BOARD

Nominee: Todd Ambs  
Date: January 27, 2006

# Statement of Economic Interests

Filed in 2005 for calendar year 2004 by

**Ambs, Todd**  
 Natural Resources, Dept. of  
 Administrator-Division of Water

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FOR EXPLANATIONS, EXAMPLES AND EXCEPTIONS SEE THE INSTRUCTIONS OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT <http://ethics.state.wi.us>  
 Still have questions? For priority service send an e-mail to: [ethics@ethics.state.wi.us](mailto:ethics@ethics.state.wi.us); otherwise leave a detailed message at (608) 266-8115  
 ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NEEDED

**Part A**

**As of December 31, 2004**

**1. List STOCKS, BONDS, limited partnerships, Wisconsin governmental securities, and mutual and money market funds you or your family held (minimum \$5,000).**

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Stocks/options/futures	\$50,000 or less	More than \$50,000
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<b>Bonds</b>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Limited partnerships</b>		
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<b>Wisconsin governmental securities</b>		
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<b>Mutual or money market funds</b>		
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Calvert Social Investment Fund	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Citizens Money Market Fund	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Citizens Ultra Bond Fund	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Janus Fund	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Janus Twenty Fund	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CITIZENS INCOME	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>


**2. List BUSINESSES and INCOME-PRODUCING REAL ESTATE in which you or your family had a 10% or greater ownership interest.**

Name of business (if any) or business activity or address of real estate	Municipality	State	If real estate, list County	Describe nature of business

**a) For each general partnership, or entity not doing business in Wisconsin, that you listed in Item #2, list the GENERAL PARTNERS, or the OFFICERS and DIRECTORS.**

Business	Partners, or officers and directors	City	State

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.



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Signature of person filing

Daytime phone # (608) 264-6278

2/21/05

Date

todd.ambs@dnr.state.wi.us

E-mail address

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 Ethics Board will notify you of the identity of any person who examines your Statement. In accordance with §15.04(1)(m), *Wisconsin Statutes*, the Ethics Board states that no personally identifiable information is likely to be used for purposes other than those for which it is collected.

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

### Ethics Board's comments about the Statement you filed last year to help you complete this one.

- No Comments

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