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☞ **John E. "Tripp" Ahern III**

(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)**

**COMMITTEE NOTICES ...**

- Committee Reports ... **CR**
- Executive Sessions ... **ES**
- Public Hearings ... **PH**

**INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL**

- Appointments ... **Appt** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Clearinghouse Rules ... **CRule** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Hearing Records ... bills and resolutions (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
  - (**ab** = Assembly Bill)                      (**ar** = Assembly Resolution)                      (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)
  - (**sb** = Senate Bill)                              (**sr** = Senate Resolution)                              (**sjr** = Senate Joint Resolution)
- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**

## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

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

**Ahern, Tripp**, of Fon du Lac, as a member of the Lower Fox River Remediation Authority, to serve for the term ending June 30, 2016.

March 15, 2010 Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

April 1, 2010 **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.

April 1, 2010 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

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

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Sullivan, seconded by Senator Hansen that **Ahern, Tripp** be recommended for confirmation.

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

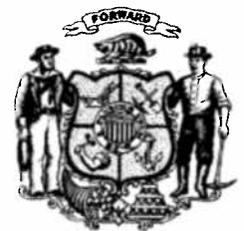
Noes: (0) None.

CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Elizabeth Novak  
Committee Clerk



# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





**JIM DOYLE**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF WISCONSIN

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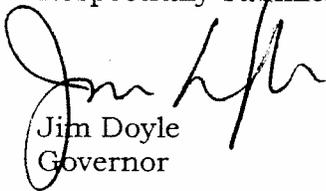
March 4, 2010

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do reappoint Tripp Ahern to be a member on the Lower Fox River Remediation Authority to serve a term expiring June 30, 2016.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Doyle  
Governor

**JOHN E. "TRIPP" AHERN III**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**  
**J. F. Ahern Co.**  
**Mechanical and Fire Protection Contractors**  
**Wisconsin • Illinois • Missouri • Minnesota**  
**Nebraska • Iowa • Michigan**

**Education:**    **Milwaukee School of Engineering**  
                  B.S. - Mechanical Engineering  
                  A.A.S. - Heating, Ventilating & Air Conditioning Technology

**Experience:**    **J. F. Ahern Co. - Fond du Lac, Wisconsin**  
                  1997 - Present    President and Chief Executive Officer  
                  1994 - 1997        President and Chief Operating Officer  
                  1990 - 1994        Mechanical Department Manager  
                  1988 - 1990        Project Manager  
                  1980 - 1986        Part-time Laborer, Estimator and Assistant Project Manager

**J&K Plumbing and Heating - Binghamton, New York**  
                  1988                Site Project Manager

**AFGO/MTS, Inc. - New York City, New York**  
                  1986 - 1988        Project Manager

**Business and Civic Affiliations:**

**Current:**        Community Education Opportunities

- Board Member

Fond du Lac Rotary - Member since 1989

Murphy Co. (St. Louis, MO)

- Board of Directors

National Exchange Bank & Trust

- Board Member

UW - Madison

- Construction & Engineering Management Advisory Board

Young Presidents Organization (YPO)

**Past:**            Associated General Contractors of Wisconsin (AGC)

- General Board Member (1997 - 1999)
- Subcontractor Division President (1997)
- Subcontractor Division Vice President (1996)
- Subcontractor Division Board Member (1996 - 1998)
- Subcontractor Relations Committee Member (1994 - 1998)

Blue Line Ice Rink of Fond du Lac Fundraising Committee

- Advanced Leadership Gifts Committee (1994)

**Fond du Lac Area Catholic Education System**

- Vision for the Future Cabinet Member (2000)

**Fond du Lac Area Joint Plumbing Apprenticeship Committee (JAC) (1994 – 2001)**

**Fond du Lac Area United Way Committee**

- Construction Captain (1990)

**Fond du Lac Association of Commerce**

- Board Member (2000 - 2006)
- Chairman (2004-2005)

**Fond du Lac "Cops for Kids" Foundation (2000 – 2002)**

- Board Member

**Fond du Lac Badger Day Committee**

- Chairman (1994 - 1997)

**Fond du Lac Rotary**

- Foundation Director (1994 - 1997)
- Classification Committee Chairman (1995 - 1996)
- Program Committee Chairman (1993)

**Grant Thornton (2004 – 2006)**

- Business Leaders Council

**Hospice Hope Fundraising Committee (Fond du Lac) (1992 - 1995)**

- Co-Chairman (1994 - 1995)

**Marian College – Fond du Lac**

- President's Task Force (Fond du Lac) (1990 - 1996)
- Marian Initiative – Major Fundraising Committee
- Board of Trustees Member (2002 – 2006)
- Finance Committee Member (2002 – 2006)
- Chair of Institutional Advancement Committee (2002 – 2006)

**Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA)**

- Chairman of Advanced Leadership Institute Committee (2001-2003)
- Member of Career Development Committee (2000 – 2001)
- Member of Joint Task Force with Construction Industry Institute (1998 – 2000)

**Mechanical Contractors Association of North Central Wisconsin**

- Original Organizing Committee (1997 - 1998)

**South Hills Country Club (Fond du Lac)**

- President (1996 - 1997)
- Greens and Grounds Committee Chairman (1996 - 1997)
- Board Member (1995 – 1998)
- Vice President (1995)

Married to former Colleen Donovan. They have four children, Erin, Shannon, Donovan and Maeve.

# Statement of Economic Interests

Filed in 2010 for calendar year 2009 by

**Ahern, John E. III**

Lower Fox River Remediation Authority  
Board Member

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## Part A

As of December 31, 2009

### 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.

	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More than \$50,000		\$5,000 to \$50,000	More than \$50,000		\$5,000 to \$50,000	More than \$50,000
<b>Profile Series</b>			<b>Small Cap</b>			<b>Bond</b>		
Vanguard Retirement 2045	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	BGI Russell 2000 Index	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	BGI US Debt Index	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vanguard Retirement 2035	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	DFA US Micro Cap	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Federated US Government Securities 2-5yr	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vanguard Retirement 2025	<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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	BGI Mid Cap Equity Index	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Money Market</b>		
Vanguard Target Retirement Income	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	T Rowe Price Mid Cap Growth	<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 Euro Pacific Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Calvert Social Investment Equity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stable Value	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BGI EAFE Equity Index	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fidelity Contrafund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	FDIC Bank Option	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Vanguard Institutional Index Plus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
			Vanguard Wellington-Admiral Shares	<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) \$5,000 to \$50,000      More than \$50,000

American Funds Balanced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
American Funds Investment Company of America	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
American Funds New Perspective	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DWS Dreman Value Edge Fund Inc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eaton Tax Advantage Fund	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Highland Credit Strategies Fund	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MFS Growth Allocation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MS Emerging Markets Domestic Debt Fund	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Templeton Growth Fund	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
US Treasury Bonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**STOCKS/OPTIONS/FUTURES**

(check one) \$5,000 to \$50,000 More than \$50,000

Cardium Therapeutics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eastman Kodak Co.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic Data Systems Corporation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interpublic Group of Companies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level 3 Communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pier One Imports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sanmina Corp.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Service Corp. International	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sun Microsystems Inc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tenet Healthcare Corp.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**BONDS**

(check one) \$5,000 to \$50,000 More than \$50,000

	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS**

(check one) \$5,000 to \$50,000 More than \$50,000

	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**WISCONSIN GOVERNMENTAL SECURITIES**

(check one) \$5,000 to \$50,000 More than \$50,000

WISG. CENTER DISTRICT	<input checked="" 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
J.F. Ahern Co.	Fond du Lac	Fond du Lac	WI	Mechanical and Fire Protection Contracting

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 2009.

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
Murphy Co.	St. Louis	MO	Director
National Exchange Bank	Fond du Lac	WI	Director

- 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	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More than \$50,000
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Part B For calendar year 2009**

- 9. EMPLOYERS** List your and your family's EMPLOYERS (\$1,000 or more of income) in 2009.

Name of employer (if State of Wisconsin, also identify agency or institution)	City	State	Nature of employer's business
J.F. Ahern Co.	Fond du Lac	WI	Mechanical & Fire Protection Contractor

**10. ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INCOME** List other sources from which you or your family received income of \$1,000 or more in 2009.

Source of income	City	State
Murphy Co. - Director	St. Louis	MO
National Exchange Bank - Director	Fond du Lac	WI

**11. ENTERTAINMENT AND GIFTS** List individuals and organizations that provided you with entertainment or gifts (more than \$50) in 2009.

Name of provider	City	State

**12. HONORARIA AND EXPENSES** List, for 2009, 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

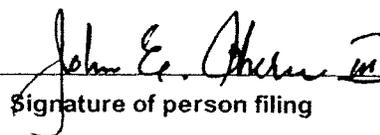
**FILING NOTES -or- COMMENTS**

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.

In Item 3, because of the number of items you submitted, we have not listed every item. Please continue to submit an updated listing on an annual basis. **Please attach to your filing a list of commercial customers and clients**

**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.

  
 Signature of person filing

Daytime phone # (920) 921-9020

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tahern@jfahern.com

Date

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 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.

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