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## Sen. Frank Barnitz Announces Reappointment of James DiPardo to Land Reclamation Commission

JEFFERSON CITY – State Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, is pleased to announce that the Missouri Senate on May 3 approved Gov. Matt Blunt's reappointment of James M. DiPardo, St. James, to the Land Reclamation Commission. Sen. Barnitz sponsored DiPardo, a resident of the 16th Senate District.

DiPardo is a president of the Rolla chapter of Ducks Unlimited and is currently a member of the Missouri Tree Farms Association, Missouri Conservation Federation, Elks Lodge in Rolla, and VFW Lodge in St. James. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Missouri–Columbia and attended the Resource Management School at North Carolina State University. DiPardo's term on the Land Reclamation Commission expires in September 2009.

"The state of Missouri is fortunate to have Mr. DiPardo reappointed to the Land Reclamation Commission," Sen. Barnitz said. "He will continue to do excellent work as a member of the commission."

The heads of many state agencies, commissions and boards are appointed by the governor. Gubernatorial appointees then work with their state senator, who serves as a sponsor in the confirmation process, which begins before the Senate's Gubernatorial Appointments Committee and concludes with a consenting vote by the full Senate.

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