

2025 Annual Conference & Exhibition Preview



Another great annual conference and exhibition is in the making. Plan now to attend KRWA's 56th Annual Conference & Exhibition for public water and wastewater systems. When and where? It's March 25 - 27 at the Century II Convention Center in Wichita, Kansas. This is the friendliest, down-home conference you will find. And that's the reason it's the largest water and wastewater conference in Mid-America. This conference features:

- Preconference Sessions on Tuesday, March 25
- 48 Breakout Sessions March 26 – 27
- EXPO Hall, fully carpeted with 365 exhibit spaces showcasing products and services
- Opening nite "Meet & Greet" – it's a showcase event – one of a kind with food and social – and games to win tickets for the drawings for scores of prizes
- Want some "real music?" – back by popular demand – it's Kansas' Premier Rock'n Roll Band, King Midas & The Mufflers
- We're going to Margaritaville. This dinner / theater is a change of pace for the 2025 KRWA Conference. It's dinner, drinks (margaritas of course if you like) and this phenomenal musical performance by the cast and band from The Forum Theatre.

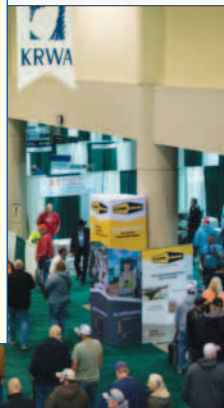
- Keynote: Lindsey Roy ... A native of Clyde, Kan., Lindsey's story is spell-binding!
- Awards Luncheon, Thursday noon – recognizing the best of the best in water and wastewater utilities
- Food and fun – the hospitality is non-stop; the selections never close

Who should attend?

Board and council members, operators, administrators, managers, city clerks – anyone interested in learning more about water and wastewater utility management, operation and maintenance. So, plan now. Attend, exchange ideas with others, make new friends and renew acquaintances. The KRWA conference is one of the best investments that can be made to learn and see the latest in technology, equipment and services to help water and wastewater utilities produce the best water today and in the future. Don't miss it!

Pre-Conference Sessions

- Attorney's Forum (for attorneys only)
- Engineer's Forum for Water, Wastewater and Community Facilities
- City Clerk's Forum
- RWD Office Forum
- The Asset Management - Rate Setting Partnership
- Recruiting and Retaining Employees in Today's Market
- Nutrient Removal in Activated Sludge Processes
- Drinking Water Regulatory Forum
- Preparing a Water System for Drought
- Small Wastewater System Collections and Treatment



2025 Conference Keynoter . . .

Lindsey Roy

At age 31, Lindsey Roy was named vice-president at Hallmark Cards — one of the youngest in the company's more-than-100-year history. Her life was abruptly transformed five years later when she was nearly killed in a boating accident. Left with an amputated left leg and severe limb injuries, and facing a long and difficult recovery ahead, she was determined not just to heal, but to emerge stronger.



Eight years post-accident, fully adapted to her circumstances and genuinely thriving, Lindsey confronted the unexpected again. She was diagnosed with a rare and progressive disease that destroyed the blood vessels in her lungs, requiring a double-lung transplant. This profound setback challenged her to actively shift her viewpoint in order to discover the hidden advantages of her situation and new depths of resilience in herself.

Lindsey's keynote, "The Gift of Perspective", focuses on the power of perspective, relentless resourcefulness and reframing challenges. She will impart hard-won lessons to help you adapt, persevere, and innovate in your own life. KRWA welcomes Lindsey, a native of Clyde, Kansas, as the 2025 Conference Keynoter.

Entertainment . . .



Kick off your flip flops and set your clock to island time, as Convention Hall at Century II is transformed into a tropical paradise where love and laughter are the keys to 'growing older but not up.' We're going to Margaritaville. This dinner / theater is a change of pace for the 2025 KRWA Conference. It's dinner, drinks (margaritas of course if you like) and this phenomenal musical performance by the cast and band from The Forum Theatre. Leading our visit is Tully, a part-time bartender, part-time singer, and full-time charmer who thinks he's got life all figured out — until a beautiful tourist steals his heart and makes him question everything. ESCAPE TO MARGARITAVILLE is a heartwarming musical featuring both original songs and your most-loved Jimmy Buffett classics, including "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere," "Fins," "Volcano," "Cheeseburger in Paradise," and many more! This dinner and show is Wednesday evening, 3/26, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

2025 Conference Accommodations

Ambassador Hotel, 104 S. Broadway, Ph. 316/239-7100; comp shuttle to Century II. \$189 flat; \$18.00 daily parking fee

Best Western Plus Eastgate Inn & Suites, 8300 E. Kellogg; Ph. 316/682-3000. Free breakfast; new hotel in 2009; Single \$105 or Double \$109

Best Western Plus West Wichita Airport, (Formerly Hampton Inn) 3800 W. Kellogg; Ph. 316/854-5050; comp. shuttle and deluxe hot breakfast bar; \$89.99 flat.

Candlewood Suites, 5211 E. Kellogg Drive; Ph. 316/677-8220; \$109 King Studio; Breakfast not included.

Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview, 400 W. Douglas; Ph. 316/262-5000; Newly renovated; Free hot breakfast; free 5:30 Kickback; Use group #10102139; \$12.00 daily parking fee; Single or Double \$164

Fairfield Inn Suites by Marriott, Wichita Downtown, 525 S. Main. New in 2011. expanded comp. breakfast. Ph. 316/201-1400; \$169 King or Queen

Hawthorn Suites Wichita Airport, 5500 W. Kellogg Dr.; Ph. 316/943-2181; Complimentary Hot Breakfast; Use Group Code 032425KAN; \$92 Flat

Hilton Garden Inn, Wichita Downtown, 401 E. Douglas; New in 2019; Ph. 316/669-6175; \$172 flat. \$8.00 daily parking fee. Complimentary Shuttle

Holiday Inn Select, 549 S. Rock Road; Ph. 888/558-5113 or 316/686-7131, for king or double, (one to four persons); \$107 flat

Holiday Inn Wichita East, 549 South Rock Road; Ph. 1-888-/465-4329; \$139 flat

Home2Suites by Hilton, 200 N. Sycamore St.; Ph 316/867-6505; \$159 Queen; \$164 King; \$169 Double; Complimentary Hot Breakfast

Hotel at Old Town, 830 E. First, complimentary parking garage; Ph. 316/267-4800; \$165 Queen; \$175 King

Hyatt Regency, attached to Century II, complimentary parking garage; Ph. 316/293-1234; **(No Rooms Available)**

LaQuinta Inn & Suites, 6335 W. Kellogg Dr.; Ph. 316/943-2373; complimentary hot breakfast; \$115 flat

WaterWalk, 411 West Maple Street. Ph. 316/234-1260; Does not block rooms; check website.

Wingate Wichita Airport, 5500 West Kellogg Dr; Ph. 316/943-2181; complimentary breakfast buffet; Use Group Code 032425KRW; \$86 flat

Rooms have been blocked at these hotels for the 2025 KRWA conference. In some cases, contact the hotel directly; always ask for the block rate for Kansas Rural Water Association.