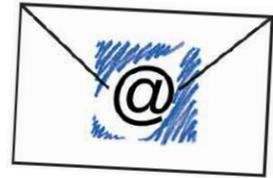


# Letters



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We sincerely appreciate your donation.

*Justin Campbell  
Kansas PRIDE, Inc.*

**I would like to thank KRWA for the 2019 City Clerk of the Year Award.** It was an honor to be presented this award. After 25 years of service with the city of Strong City, KRWA has assisted us with many projects and issues. Thank you so much for everything you do for Strong City.

*Shari DeWitt  
City Clerk  
City of Strong City*

**I would like to thank the KRWA for the recognition as Rural Water District Manager of the Year for 2019.** It is an honor and quite humbling. I would not be where I am today without the great support from the KRWA, the incredible network in the water industry, and the great staff and local board that I have. They make overseeing RWD #4 go very smoothly.

Again, thank you for this honor.

*Clifford Reusch  
District Administrator  
Douglas RWD No. 4*

**“Thank you” to the management and staff of KRWA for an excellent 2019 KRWA conference in Wichita.** I was able to get Martin Boyles, Finney County Rural Water District #1 chairman and Luke West, Director of Corporate Services and Water Division for Wheatland Electric Cooperative, to attend with me. This event gave them a very good insight into the scope of what participation in KRWA can do for utilities. There were good contacts made with vendors and other RWDs

and municipalities that have paid dividends since the conference in March. The sessions were great and the keynote speaker was excellent.

I was definitely surprised to receive the Water Plant Operator of the Year award. I know many persons in our utilities go unnoticed in their respective positions and jobs. Not that they are looking for attention but great responsibility is with them that most do not understand. They are appreciated by those of us who do know.

Thank you again for a perfect conference, and in particular, for the award.

*Perry Smith  
Wheatland Water Treatment  
Finney RWD 1*

**We would like to thank you, for once again, allowing us the privilege of serving Kansas Rural Water Association during their recent stay.** It was our pleasure to have assisted you and all of the others involved.

One of our most important tools used to evaluate meetings is its attendance, of course. Elmer, it is always a pleasure to be or service to your organization and we look forward to your future events. Thank you for your time!

*Jennifer Nieves  
Hyatt Regency Hotels*

**I just want to extend my thanks for having Tom Lasser present at the Parsons’ class the other day.** I have been to many presentations through the years and very rarely do you see the attendees pay close attention to the info. Tom had a crowd gathered around him while he ran jars and explained the chemical process.

I have known Tom for more than ten years and when I started working with him our chemical costs were \$295,000

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per year. We now spend \$65,000 to \$75,000 annually. He is not trying to sell chemicals. I hope that KRWA utilizes him many more times in the future.

Thanks as usual for your time.

*Steve Porzio  
Public Wholesale 13*

**Thank you very much for selecting** me to receive the special recognition award at the awards assembly at the KRWA Conference. This is clearly one of my most significant awards I have had the honor of receiving during my 34 years with the city of Sedan. This recognition is an example of the great support you have given me and the city throughout the years. We are very fortunate to be affiliated with KRWA.

Gratefully,

*Sherry Miller  
City of Sedan*

**I am honored to receive KRWA's** Conger Award for "Leadership, Dedication, and Support for Public Water Systems." I am humbled that my work as Chairman of Douglas County's RWD #1 and service in the Kansas House of Representatives warrants inclusion with those contributions of previous recipients.

KRWA contributed significantly to my activities in both arenas.

Publication of information about radio-read meters, KRWA leak detection support, computerization of the billing process, tracking water losses, and more led our board to invest and operate our district more efficiently.

My legislative work to establish the Clean Drinking Water Fee Fund, require KDOT to reimburse water systems for relocating water lines that cross public rights of way, funding system benefitting programs, and more resulted from my work with KRWA and experience as Chairman of RWD #1.

The recognition of my efforts on behalf of water systems is both a recognition of KRWA's value and that each system operator and board member can make a difference.

*Sincerely,  
Tom Sloan*

**I want to take this opportunity to** express my gratitude in your organization selecting me for the 2019 Utilities Director of the Year. I have been in Public Service for just over 40 years, 38 of these with the city of Abilene. As many of you in this line of work know, high praise and recognition can be rare. It is an honor to receive this award and I am also most grateful and proud that two of my water and wastewater operators have preceded me as Operator of the Year in the past several years.

Thank you again as my staff and I will continue to proudly contribute what we can to uphold the tradition of high quality water and wastewater professionals in our great state that KRWA promotes and supports so well.

*Lon Schrader  
Public Works Director  
City of Abilene*

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