

KRWA Attends WaterPro Conference

The National Rural Water Association (NRWA) held its annual WaterPro Conference September 27 - 29, 2022 in National Harbor, Maryland.

WaterPro is the annual conference of the NRWA and is designed to bring together water and wastewater utility systems – large and small, municipal, and rural. These industry professionals are part of the decision-makers who are responsible for 90 percent of the nation’s community water supply. USDA Under Secretary for Rural Development, Xochitl Torres Small, was the keynote speaker. The conference included concurrent sessions on Workforce Development, Board Management and Leadership, Technological Innovations, Response and Recovery, and Sustainability and Partnerships. Other agency speakers included Charles Stephens, Assistant Administrator, Water and Environmental Programs, USDA Rural Development; Manny Lamarre, Senior Advisor U.S. DOL, Employment and Training Administration (ETA); Andrew Sawyers, Director

Office of Wastewater Management, U.S. EPA; and, Jennifer McLain Ph.D., Director Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, U.S. EPA.



KRWA directors and staff who attended are in the photo are (left to right), KRWA Director Allan Soetaert, Ken Kopp, Stewart Kasper, Charlie Schwindamann, Kris Kline, KRWA Director and NRWA Director Bill Shroyer, Greg Metz, Javon Baker, Brian Bowles, Doug Helmke, Monica Wurtz, Jason Solomon, and Elmer Ronnebaum. KRWA Director Scott Robertson had to depart the conference a day earlier due to work back in his hometown, Hesston, Kan.

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Thanks to KRWA for the support we continue to receive. We are most grateful to our Circuit Rider Jon Steele for his ongoing knowledge and assistance in everyday matters as well as for delving deeper into planning and maintenance issues for our system. His expertise and advice are always beneficial and appreciated.

*Earl Crosswhite, Superintendent
Wanda Gabel, City Clerk
City of Ness City*

I would like to thank KRWA and specifically KRWA staff member Daryn Martin. The city of Cassoday had a new maintenance man start on October 3. Daryn was there to get him started on water/wastewater training.

Surprise! We had a call to have maintenance done on the water tower, also on October 3. What a perfect opportunity for in-depth training!

Looking forward to more training in the weeks to come. KRWA is the best for getting our operators trained and working; Daryn has been a blessing.

With all the regulatory things getting tougher and tougher, it’s nice to have knowledgeable professionals helping the little guy.

*Raye Vaught, City Clerk
City of Cassoday*

I just want to share how much Brian Bowles was a help to us at the city of Rexford. He was very helpful in checking what we were doing and helping us with some great information to help us do things better. He has also been great when I have called him to help answer some questions that I have had. Thank you!

*Dwight Williams, Mayor
City of Rexford*

Thank you for conducting the sludge profile of Luray’s wastewater stabilization ponds on August 11, 2022. We appreciate (KRWA Wastewater Tech) Charlie Schwindamann for taking the time to come out and take measurements and provide feedback and estimates.

The city of Luray is thankful for all that Kansas Rural Water Association does!

*Kevin Palmer, Superintendent
Krysta Cash, City Clerk
Bob Rose, Operator
City of Luray*

The city of Carbondale water plant was having issues with the master meter for the RWD No. 5 wholesale line. The city has been experiencing water loss in the 20 to 30 percent range for some time.