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**KANSAS RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION**  
**55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Exhibition**

March 26 - 28, 2024 Century II Convention Center | Wichita, Kansas

## 2024 Annual Conference & Exhibition Preview

It's conference planning time. Plan now to attend KRWA's 55th Annual Conference & Exhibition for public water and wastewater systems. When and where? It's March 26 - 28 at the Century II Convention Center in Wichita, Kansas. It's the largest water and wastewater conference in Mid-America. And it's the friendliest, down-home event you will find. This conference features:

- ◆ Preconference Sessions on Tuesday, March 26
- ◆ 48 Breakout Sessions March 27 - 28
- ◆ 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
- ◆ And by popular demand – it's Kansas' Premier Rock'n Roll Band, King Midas & The Mufflers
- ◆ Awards Banquet followed by entertainment Don't Rock the JukeBox
- ◆ Keynote: Thomas Dismukes ...
- ◆ 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. This conference is not an expense – it's 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.

### Pre-Conference Sessions

- Water Operator Certification Exam Prep
- Wastewater Exam
- Need to Know: Preparing a Water System for Drought or Other Supply Outages
- Disinfection A to Z: Wastewater Collection and Treatment
- Emergency Preparedness for Elected Officials and Administrators
- Board/Council Leadership: Preparing for the Next Generation of Workers
- Engineers' Forum For Water, Wastewater, and Community Facilities
- City Clerks' Tabletop Discussion
- RWD Office Current Topics and Challenges
- Attorneys' Forum

## Opening Session Keynote:

**Thomas Dismukes – Keynoter**

**"Making Waves: Sink or Swim – Your Future Depends on You!"**

More than A MILLION PEOPLE across 21 countries have heard Thomas Dismukes' truly amazing, heartwarming and hilarious stories. His lessons on leadership have proven time and again to have a profound impact on personal growth and team productivity! Thomas will inspire your team members to do their best and get the best out of life. He takes the "best of the best" leadership principles, stories and experiences and distills life gems for immediate understanding and application. Thomas' powerful stories give meaning behind the madness, in a principle everyone can relate to, laugh at, and apply to their lives. Don't miss this keynote in Concert Hall at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 27.



## Entertainment . . .



***A boot-scootin' boogie back to the future with the 1990's country pop music***

Let's take a trip back to the future. All the way back to the 1990s a decade that transformed country music from the folksy style of Johnny Cash to the pop influences that mainstreamed country and introduced new, chart-topping artists such as Shania Twain, The Chicks, Faith Hill, Garth Brooks and skyrocketed the careers of Reba McEntire, Alan Jackson and others who adapted to the changing styles. This is going to be a country music fest of favorite songs by favorite artists from the 90s including Chattahoochee, Man I Feel Like A Woman, Independence Day, Fancy and many more. Get ready to sing along with Strawberry Wine and do the Boot-Scootin' Boogie. The Forum Theatre is producing the show.

**Rooms have been blocked at these hotels for the 2024 KRWA conference. In some cases, contact the hotel directly; always ask for the block rate for Kansas Rural Water Association.**

## Conference Accommodations

**Ambassador Hotel**, 104 S. Broadway, Ph. 316/239-7100; comp shuttle to Century II. \$185 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 or Double \$97

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

**Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview**, 400 W. Douglas; Ph. 316/262-5000; Free hot comp. breakfast; free 5:30 Kickback; Use group #10020300; \$10.00 daily parking fee; Single or Double \$162 (**sold out; ask for wait list**)

**Fairfield Inn Suites by Marriott**, Wichita Downtown, 525 S. Main. New in 2011. expanded comp. breakfast. Ph. 316/201-1400; \$162 King or Queen

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

**Hilton Garden Inn**, Wichita Downtown, 401 E. Douglas; New in 2019; Ph. 316/669-6175; \$159 flat. \$10.00 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); \$103 flat

**Home2Suites by Hilton**, 200 N. Sycamore St.; Ph 316/867-6505; \$159 Queen; \$164 King; \$169 Double; \$179 King Suite

**Hotel at Old Town**, 830 E. First, complimentary parking garage; Ph. 316/267-4800; \$159 Queen; \$169 King

**Hyatt Regency**, attached to Century II, complimentary parking garage; Ph. 316/293-1234; \$165 single; \$165 double

(**sold out; ask for wait list**)

**LaQuinta Inn & Suites**, 6335 W. Kellogg Dr.; Ph. 316/943-2373; complimentary hot breakfast; \$107 flat

**Wingate Wichita Airport**, 5500b West Kellogg Dr; Ph. 316/448-1617; complimentary breakfast buffet; \$89 flat