

# KRWA announces changes in staff

**K**RWA is pleased to announce the employment of several new staff members.

**Pete Koenig** was employed in December as Technical Assistant to the expanding KAN STEP



Pete Koenig

program. Pete will also assist with GPS data collection, as needed. Pete graduated from high school in Hebron, Nebraska in 1991. He received a bachelor degree in Environmental Biology from St. Mary College, Winona, Minnesota.

For the past three years, Pete has been employed by Young Backhoe and Trenching, Seneca, KS, where he operated backhoe, trencher, kinetic plow and horizontal directional boring machinery to install new utilities. He has worked on projects for many cities and rural water districts as well as corporations and individuals. He worked for two years for Clarkson Construction Co., Lincoln, NE where he was Grounds Man/lead laborer. At Clarkson, he directed the operation of various paving equipment used in highway and other roadway construction.

Pete and his wife Jennifer are also previous owners of Sidelines Bar and Grill, Baileyville, where he dealt with the day-to-day operations of a self-owned business, including

managerial duties and public relations in the operation of a cafe and grocery store.

KRWA is also pleased to announced the employment of **Jim Jackson**, former manager of Jefferson County RWD 13 near Lawrence.

Jim had been manager of Jefferson RWD 13 since 1996 to January 1 when he joined KRWA. RWD 13 is a growing system with nearly 900 meters, a 1 MGD lime softening treatment plant and approximately 200 miles of distribution lines.

At Jefferson 13, Jim was responsible for repair and maintenance of the treatment plant and distribution system, compliance with all water treatment regulatory issues, preparing budget and all other financial reports for the board of directors, customer relations, preparation of bid sheets and planning and upgrade of improvements.

Jim worked in the City of El Dorado as a Distribution System crew member from June 1985 to March 1986. Jim completed KDHE's Water Correspondence Course in 1986.

In March 1986, Jim began work in the 6 MGD City of El Dorado Water Treatment Plant, a position he held until December 1991. He achieved a Class IV water operator certification in 1988. Jim completed KDHE's

wastewater correspondence course in 1989.

From December 1991 to July 1994, he worked as Instructor in Building Maintenance through Butler Co. Community College, as a contract vocational instructor for the Kansas Dept. of Corrections. Jim received a



Jim Jackson

vocational teaching certificate from the State of Kansas in 1993. Duties included teaching and providing work experience for maximum-security inmates in the areas of carpentry, plumbing, electrical building and ground maintenance and employment at the Lansing Correctional Facility.

He taught at North Central Kansas Technical School in Beloit from July 1994 to July 1997. From July 1997 to January 1999, he worked for Correctional Program Management, Inc., at Winfield, KS.

Jim presently holds a Class II Water Operator's certification. He is presently enrolled in the Fort Scott Community College water training/work course.

Jim was honored in 2003 by KRWA as Rural Water Manager of the Year.

At KRWA, Jim will help fulfill requests by systems and referrals by KDHE under the State Revolving Loan Fund "small systems" technical assistance" contract which is funded by the Kansas Department of Health & Environment.

Jim and his wife and family, live in Eudora.

KRWA also has employed **Dan Byers**, Seneca, to provide additional assistance to KAN STEP and KRWA's GPS Mapping Program. Danny is a 2003 graduate of Kansas State University, having completed a bachelor degree in Agricultural Technology Management with a minor in agri-business. The ATM program is geared towards working with GPS and understanding of



Dan Byers

concepts and applications. Dan also has experience in residential and commercial construction.

Previous staff members who have resigned to accept other employment include **Fred Baumert** who has assumed the position of Training Specialist at Nebraska Rural Water.

Fred and his family reside in Pawnee City, NE. He started with KRWA in August 1995.

**Steve Richter**, who formerly worked at Shawnee RWD 4 (North Hills) and who

joined KRWA in March 1999, resigned from KRWA employment effective November 2003 to accept a position with Hach Company.

**Steve Duryea** who started with KRWA in February 2002 and worked on the KAN STEP program and mapping resigned in November to accept a position with the Potawatomi Prairie Band Tribe of Kansas.

KRWA thanks each of the former staff members for the service provided as Association staff.



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