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Letters



I would like to say “Thank You” to Kansas Rural Water Association for the 2018 Operator of The Year award presented to me at the conference. Without the assistance and guidance given to me through the years by KRWA this award would not have been possible.

Thanks for all you do for all the water operators, administrative staff and water and wastewater systems in Kansas.

*Harold Hunzeker
Nemaha Rural Water District No. 1*

Great Show! I hope you are able to enjoy a few days off. Thanks to KRWA staff for allowing KPERS 457 to present a concurrent session at the KRWA conference. I hope those who attended benefited. We have quickly learned that the KRWA conference is a great outlet for us. We’ll be back next year.

*Len Lehmann
KPERS 457*

It was good seeing you all at the KRWA annual conference in Wichita in March! It is always fun catching up with old friends and putting faces together with names for all our public water supply systems across the state. Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources staff

appreciates the opportunity to serve our customers at the conference.

The Topeka Field Office wants to specifically thank KRWA staff for all you do! Our contacts with Elmer and Greg are answered pretty much immediately. Thanks to all the KRWA meter guys (Tony Kimmi and Lonnie Boller, et al.) who went out and provided tests for exceptions where previously existing set-ups are measuring water diverted accurately although they may not meet the strict letter of the law in the particular installation. In these cases, the existing meter installation will be allowed until plumbing changes occur or pipe changes are made. KDA has now achieved state-wide metering and the TFO in particular has completed the issuing and follow-up on all Basins within our territory.

Now, KDA is moving towards more customer service initiatives and educational opportunities for our water right holders including public water suppliers. We continue to appreciate the efforts of Doug Helmke and Ken Kopp in providing water use reviews and perfection discussions with suppliers about their water rights.

We thank you for the continued support and assistance we always get from you. We appreciate it.

*Katie Tietsort
Water Commissioner
Topeka Field Office*

My name is Danny Hawkins and I represent the city of Burlington.

I would like to take a moment and express our sincere thoughts of Charlie Schwindamann.

Charlie has been by far a HUGE help to the city of Burlington. Countless times we have called upon Charlie for assistance and Charlie has been more than helpful. His professionalism and easy to understand analogies have not gone unnoticed. His passion for his job and wanting to help others is a MAJOR asset for KRWA and we are proud to be members of an association that has staff members like Charlie.

I just thought you might like to know how much we appreciate Charlie.

Thank you,

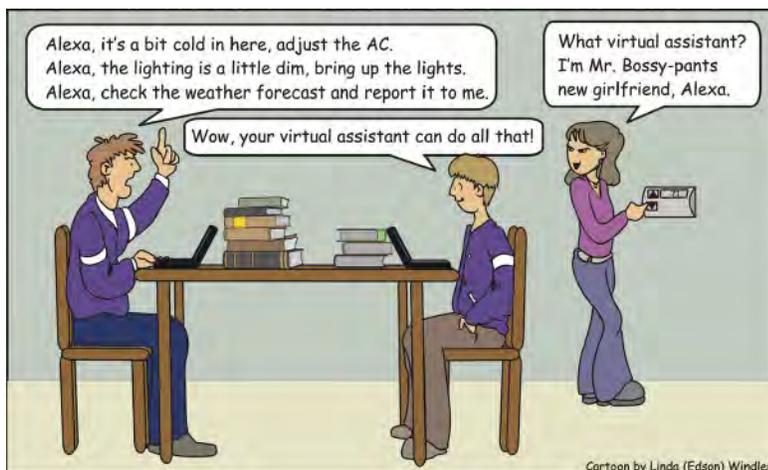
*Danny Hawkins
W/WW Superintendent
City of Burlington*

Just a quick note to let you know that this year's show was truly a great show. We had great traffic to our booth and things really went smooth. Congratulations on a great job on setup and running the show. I think it was the best one yet!

*Bill Qualls
District Manager
Ford Meter Box Company, Inc.*

Just wanted to thank you all for a wonderful conference this year. It was my first and I needed to attend desperately last year as an OIT with the city of Carbondale. I don't really know how hard it is to put on an event such as you did. GREAT JOB and WELL DONE!

*Brad Haugh
Maintenance Manager
City of Carbondale*



The city of Manchester and I would like to thank your staff for the assistance in locating our water leak. We searched for weeks with no luck and asked for help. Bret Beye came in with his wonderful machine and after most of the day found what he thought was the spot. When the spot was dug up, the leak was right where Bret indicated!

We are very thankful for the help and it was done on a very cold winter day. This was a difficult leak to find because no water was coming up or pooling as the plumbing company told us it would be visible if we had a leak of the size our water usage was implying.

We thank Kansas Rural Water Association and Bret Beye once more for a great job well done!

*Maggie Slick
Mayor
City of Manchester*

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We sincerely appreciate your donation.

*Mendi Anschutz
Board Chair*

I have asked KRWA tech assistant Tony Kimmi to come to Fort Scott several times over the years for the purpose of helping to detect and locate leaks. He has always done his best to respond to my request as soon as possible and more often than not been able to locate a leak so that my crew could accurately excavate and make repairs in a timely manner and with the least amount of excavating and disruption of yards, sidewalks, streets, etc.

On Tony's most recent visit to Fort Scott we had water running thru a storm box continuously for quite some time. We at first thought it to be groundwater but as time went on we began to question a nearby 8-inch water main. But with no signs surfacing at the location of the water main we didn't know if it was leaking or not or even where to begin looking. After showing Tony where the water main lay he used his ground mic and found a spot that sounded out for a leak and pegged out the meter on the

ground mic. We marked the area and called in Kansas One Call Locates. Early the next morning we began excavating the spot located. As it turned out the locate was about eight feet off, but given that we had no idea where to begin and also the piping and ground conditions we encountered after excavating we have no complaints on the miss.

With KRWA's and Tony's help and expertise we were able locate and make repairs to the water main that would have otherwise required us to hire a contractor to come and do a one time locate most likely on their schedule and probably with no better results.

This type of service helps us to maintain and work with our budget, and use our funds towards infrastructure renewals. We are interested in looking at our next couple of water loss reports to see if there is a marked decline in water lost.

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