

## Meet the KRWA Board of Directors . . .

The Kansas Rural Water Association has nearly 800 municipal and rural water members. KRWA is governed by a 7-member board of directors. Minutes of board meetings are posted on [www.krwa.net](http://www.krwa.net) under "Online Resources" and then "News".



**Carl Chalfant** is the City Administrator for the city of Washington, and has been in that position for five years. Previously, he was the City Administrator for the city of McLouth, in Jefferson County, where he spent 23 years. Carl holds both Class II water and Class II wastewater certifications. He has worked through several utility upgrades while in McLouth and is now currently working with the city of Washington on an upgrade to their electric distribution system. Upcoming projects he

is planning include replacement of city water and sewer distribution lines. Carl retired from the volunteer fire service when he left McLouth, after 36 years of service to two communities. He has been an EMT for more than three decades, and remains an active volunteer on the Washington ambulance service.

Carl and his wife, Vickie, have been married for over 43 years, and have two daughters, Megan and Melinda, and enjoy spending time with their five grandchildren. Carl also enjoys fishing and playing on the family farm, in nearby Barnes, Kansas.

Carl was elected to the KRWA board of directors in 2017.



**Mike Fulkerson** is the Operations Manager at Consolidated Rural Water District #1 of Leavenworth County, based in Basehor, Kansas. Mike has been working with the water district for 18 years. He currently holds a Class II Water Operator Certification.

Mike and his wife Carrie, enjoy traveling and watching their kids, Johnny and Katie, compete in track and cross country at Baker University.

Mike was elected to the KRWA board of directors in 2018.



**Paul Froelich** is Superintendent of Utilities for the city of Enterprise, Kansas, located in Dickinson County. Paul holds a Class I water and Class I wastewater certification. He is also the contract wastewater operator for Dickinson County Sewer Districts 1 and 3. Paul has been with the city of Enterprise for 19 years. He has been fire chief of Dickinson County Fire District #1 for 35 years and has obtained numerous FEMA accreditations in emergency management and has commanded the

response to two major tornado events. Prior to coming to the city of Enterprise he was a deputy with the Dickinson County Sheriff and also worked in the 911 dispatch center prior to the sheriff's department. Paul is married to his wife Janette and they have two grown daughters.

Paul was elected to the KRWA board of directors in 2016.



**Scott Robertson** is the Utility Superintendent for the City of Hesston located in Harvey County. Scott has been with the city for six and a half years. Scott started working for municipalities in 1987 for the city of Bishop, California. Then in 1992 he accepted the Public Works Director position for the city of Phillipsburg, Kansas. He was selected Public Works Director of the year by KRWA in 2010. Scott holds both Class II water and Class II wastewater certifications. Scott and his wife Chris have two

daughters Kayley and Shelbie.

Scott was elected to the KRWA board of directors in 2016.



**Patricia (Pat) Shaffer** has been bookkeeper at Rural Water District No. 5, Butler County, since 1982, and has served as Office Manager in recent years. Pat has served in several positions on the Association board of directors including board president. She has been instrumental in facilitating the RWD Office Forum which she helped originate in 2009. She has always balanced family activities with her concern for and interest in water system matters, and she continues to do so.

Pat was instrumental in assisting with the merger of RWD No. 8 with RWD No. 5 in 2013, with No. 5 assuming the 523 customers. Pat is also especially pleased to have built a great relationship with surrounding water system, other communities and township governments.

Pat and her husband Dale have a son and daughter and all three families live on the same tract of land purchased by her grandfather in 1929. They are members of Chapel Hill UMC, where Pat has served on the Trustee Committee and church secretary as well as co-captain the First Impressions Team.

Pat was elected to the KRWA board of directors in 1997.



**Bill Shroyer** is a native of Sabetha, Kansas and graduated from Sabetha High School in 1975. He was first hired by the city of Sabetha in 1983 as a general laborer and was later named Supervisor of the General Services Department which includes the Streets, Water, Wastewater & Parks departments. During this employment, he completed education and testing requirements for the Kansas Department of Health and

Environment Class III water operator license and a Class IV wastewater operator license which he maintains. From 1994 to 1999, Bill worked for the Kansas Rural Water Association as Wastewater Circuit Rider. In 1999 he accepted the position of Assistant City Administrator for the city of Sabetha. Under the direction of the City Administrator, Bill is directly in charge of 35 full-time employees and all departments within the city of Sabetha. Bill has three sons and six grandchildren

Bill was elected to the KRWA board of directors in 2014.



**Allan Soetaert** is Manager of Rural Water District No. 7, Johnson County. He has been employed by the district for more than 30 years. Allan holds a Class IV Water Operator Certification and has certification in Environmental Water Technology.

Allan is presently the Treasurer of the Kansas Rural Water Association board of directors; he is also Chairman of the Hillsdale Water Cooperative. He is active with numerous community

organizations including serving as a board member of ElevateEdgerton! which is an economic development corporation for Edgerton, Kansas and is a board member of the Gardner-Edgerton Chamber of Commerce (Treasurer) and also the Spring Hill Chamber. Allan serves as a member of the Supervisory Committee for the Kansas Rural Water Finance Authority on the Ellsworth RWD 1 (Post Rock) project and is a member of the board of representatives of the Authority. He also is a member of the Kansas Section American WaterWorks and National Rural Water Association.

Allan was elected to the KRWA board of directors in 2011.