

Kansas Rural Water Association Participated in National Rural Water Rally

KRWA Directors Allan Soetaert and Bill Shroyer joined hundreds of other water industry advocates and participated in the annual National Rural Water Association Rally in Washington, D.C., February 4 – 6. Allan is Manager of Johnson County RWD 7 with offices at Gardner, Kan. Bill Shroyer is Assistance City Administrator at the city of Sabetha; Bill is also the National Rural Water Association Director for Kansas.

The Rural Water Rally provides an opportunity for supporters of the water industry to make their case directly to elected officials. Rural Water Associations in each state schedule meetings with Representatives, Senators and their staff, so that they can share the Rural Water success story, answer questions and build important relationships. Attending the Rural Water Rally also provides a unique opportunity to meet with association leaders.

Reports on work completed by KRWA under the Circuit Rider and Source Water Protection programs were provided to each office. Records of attendance at KRWA-sponsored training sessions and listings of the 775 members of the Kansas Rural Water Association were also provided. The KRWA Rally handbook also included listings of projects funded through USDA Rural Development and a listing of applications on file for funding through that agency.

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KRWA Director Allan Soetaert (left) and Director Bill Shroyer (right) stop for this photo with Congressman Steve Watkins, Kansas 2nd District.

affiliate of the National Rural Water Association. The 49-affiliated state rural water associations have more than 31,000 utility system members. In 2018, these state associations delivered more than 75,000 on-site technical assistance visits and 150,000 hours of training to more than 37,000 water and wastewater utilities. KRWA sponsored 111 days of training attended by nearly 7,000 people in 2018.

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