

2022 Annual Conference & Exhibition Preview

March 29 - 31, 2022
Century II, Wichita, Kansas

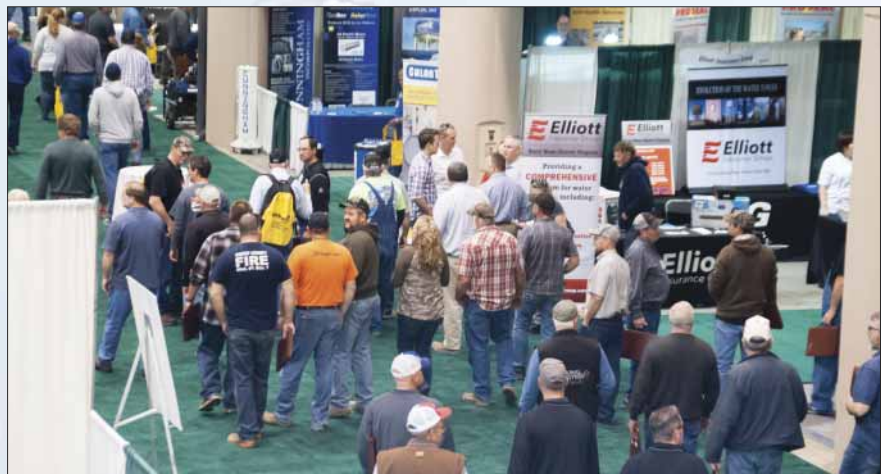
Making Every Drop Count! The 2022 theme for KRWA’s 53rd Annual Conference & Exhibition for public water and wastewater systems. When and where? It’s March 29 - 31 at the Century II Convention Center in Wichita, Kansas. It’s the largest water and wastewater conference in Mid-America. And it’s the friendliest, down-home event you will find. This conference features:

- ◆ Preconference sessions on Tuesday, March 29
- ◆ 48 Breakout Sessions March 30 - 31
- ◆ EXPO Hall, fully carpeted with 365 exhibit spaces showcasing products and services
- ◆ Opening nite “Meet & Greet” – with buffet lines filled with food; there’s social and many games – and \$10,000 in prizes
- ◆ And they are back! Kansas’ Premier Rock & Roll Band – King Midas & The Mufflers
- ◆ Awards Banquet followed by entertainment to be announced!
- ◆ *Mark Skaggs Keynote Speaker* – brings his impersonation as Festus from the famed “Gunsmoke” TV series to the 2020 KRWA Conference
- ◆ Food and fun galore – and hospitality that does not stop!

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 and equipment and services to help water and wastewater utilities.

Pre-Conference Sessions

- Attorney’s Forum
- Engineers’ Forum For Water and Wastewater and Community Facilities
- Water Operator Forum – Preparing for Certification Exams
- Board/Council Leadership
- Wastewater System Operations
- Fair and Equitable Rates for Water and Wastewater Systems
- Water Distribution Tools and Practices
- City Clerks’ Forum
- RWD Office Forum



Special Guest and Conference Keynoter . . .

The CODE of the Old West – and It's Value Today!

Keynoter Mark Skaggs brings his impersonation as Festus from the famed “Gunsmoke” TV series to the 2022 KRWA Conference. Skaggs began doing impressions while in high school and then in the Marines. He began writing comedy at an early age (because he was funny). For more than 40 plus years he performed sporadically until 2015. Then the light came on and he began doing a standup routine as Festus from “Gunsmoke”, the western TV series. While his other impersonations are regarded as excellent, his’ Festus is regarded as EPIC! Skaggs has been booked all across the U.S.

At the 2022 KRWA Conference, the keynote by Festus will remind people that in the nineteenth century, people based, and lived their life according to a CODE. The CODES weren't exactly the same, but they had core elements in common:

- ◆ Cooperation – They depended on each other to survive and advance.
- ◆ Respect – They respected others as a valued individuals as well as respecting each others property.
- ◆ Work Ethic – They had to work long and hard to survive. "You don't work, You don't eat!" The Kansas Work Ethic is known world-wide.

Strategists today are always sounding the alarm about how the business world is drastically changing, and so must you! While it is true that some methods must change, Your CODE must remain the same now and into the future for you to realize great success!

Don't miss Festus and the Opening Keynote at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 30 in Concert Hall.



Conference Accommodations

Ambassador Hotel, 104 S. Broadway, Ph. 316/239-7100; comp shuttle to Century II. \$169 flat; \$12.00 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 \$79; Suites \$94

Best Western Governors Inn & Suites, 4742 S. Emporia, Ph. 866/522-0775 or 316/522-0775; comp. Deluxe hot breakfast; Fully renovated in 2015; \$79.99 Flat

Best Western Plus West Wichita Airport, (Formerly Hampton Inn) 3800 W. Kellogg; Ph. 316/945-4100; comp. airport shuttle and deluxe hot breakfast bar; \$89.99 flat.

Best Western Wichita North Hotel & Suites, 915 E. 53rd St. North; Ph. 316/832-9387; Hot Breakfast Buffet; \$79.99 Flat

Courtyard by Marriott (in OldTown), 820 E. 2nd Street North; Ph. 866-522-8909; \$135 Flat

Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview, 400 W. Douglas; Ph. 316/262-5000; Newly renovated; Free hot comp. breakfast; free 5:30 Kickback; Use group #2430724; \$10.00 daily parking fee; Single or Double \$159

Fairfield Inn Suites by Marriott, Wichita Downtown, 525 S. Main. New in 2011. Comp. shuttle to Century II; expanded comp. breakfast. Ph. 316/201-1400; \$152 King or Queen

Hilton Garden Inn, Wichita Downtown, 401 E. Douglas; New in 2019; Ph. 315/669-6175; \$101 flat.

Holiday Inn Select, 549 S. Rock Road; Ph. 888/558-5113 or 316/686-7131, for king or double, (one to four persons); \$95 flat

Home2Suites by Hilton, 200 N. Sycamore St.; Ph 316/867-6505; \$99 Queen; \$119 King; \$129 Double; \$139 King Suite

Hotel at Old Town, 830 E. First, complimentary parking garage; complimentary hot buffet breakfast; Ph. 316/267-4800; \$145 Queen; \$145 King

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

LaQuinta Inn & Suites, 6335 W. Kellogg Dr.; Ph. 316/943-2373; complimentary hot breakfast; \$89 flat

Wyndham Garden Hotel (formerly Holiday Inn), 221 E. Kellogg; within walking distance to Century II, comp. breakfast; Ph. 316/269-2090; \$99 Single or Double