

Kris Kline Joins KRWA Staff

The Kansas Rural Water Association is pleased to announce the employment of Kris Kline effective September 30. Kris will assist water systems in east-central and southeast Kansas and elsewhere as needed.

Kris brings an array of experience to KRWA. He has 12 years of computer technical experience, dealing with hardware and software and networking. From 2007 to 2019, Kris was the Operations Manager for Rural Water District No. 8, Osage County. In that position he maintained all aspects of the 300-mile distribution system, which included four pump stations, six water storage tanks, and two entry points. Additionally, Kris coordinated improvements and maintenance projects with various contractors.

From 2019 to 2020 Kris was employed by the city of Osage City as Water/Wastewater/Gas Assistant Supervisor. In that position he

performed all duties at the water plant for production, maintained five wastewater lift stations and lagoons and assisted other operators with maintenance and operation of the water, wastewater and gas distribution systems. Later in 2020, Kris was promoted to be the Director of Utilities at Osage City. In this position he managed three superintendents and nine operators of the power plant, electric distribution, water, wastewater and gas departments. He worked with the city clerk and treasurer on the city's operating budget and audited all meter consumption of the electric, water, and gas AMR system for proper billing.

"KRWA has always been an outstanding organization that has helped ensure the success of many Kansas operators and employees of rural water districts and cities across the state," Kris says. "My goal is to help pass along the 14 years of knowledge I have to the next operator in training and to help any other



operator be successful. I have a passion for working hard and solving problems that has produced a positive outcome and to help the communities that I have served."

Kris holds a Class IV water operator certification, Class I wastewater certificate, and a Gas Operator Qualification (OQ) compliance through the Flint Hills Gas Group. Kris has also served as a USD 454 school board member for 13 years. He and his family live in Burlingame, Kan.

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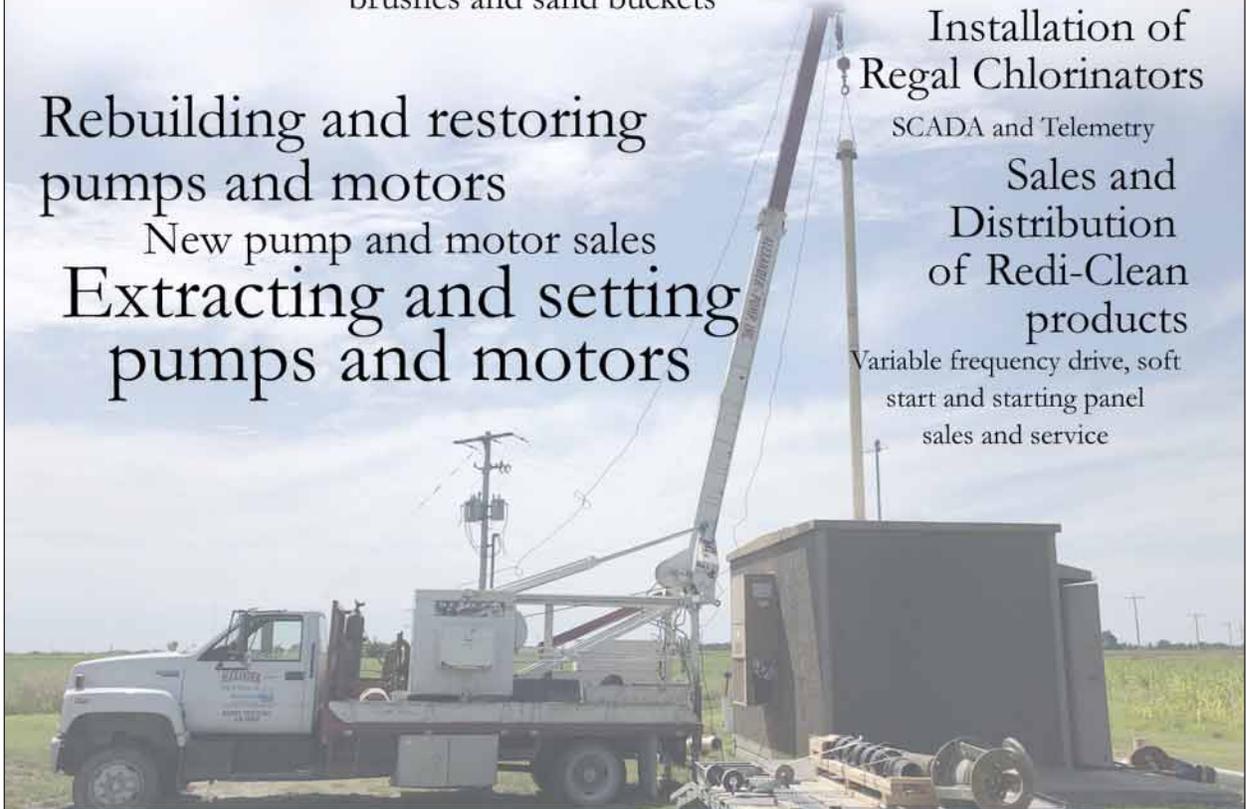
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