

Kansas Water Congress



Helping protect and shape Kansas' water policies and laws

Members will join in dedicating themselves to the task of securing full development, protection, and management of our available water resources, grounding their actions upon the fundamental proposition that equity of access and usage must apply statewide to every resident and rightholder of our State.

***A portion of the Preamble
Kansas Water Congress***

The Kansas Water Congress, a non-profit, fee-funded entity, is separate and distinct from existing state agencies, associations, organizations, and direct political affiliation.



Mission

The mission of the Kansas Water Congress will be to promote the wise management and stewardship of the State's water resources; and to protect, conserve, and develop Kansas water resources for the benefit of Kansas' present and future generations.

Objective

To bring the institution and advancement of programs for the conservation, development, and protection of the water resources of the State of Kansas.

The Congress will:

- Cooperate with and support similar organizations.
- Provide a forum for the discussion of water questions.
- Be a place where water users conflicts can be resolved through discussion of facts and proposed solutions.
- Be a source of information and education for its membership and the people of Kansas.
- Greatly influence and educated water issues, based on development of facts, dissemination of information, and resolution of apparent conflicts.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be composed of 29 members selected by and from the following geographic and other divisions, representing a broad-based foundation:

• **Twelve geographic divisions including**

- Cimarron Water Basin
- Lower Republican Water Basin
- Lower Arkansas Water Basin
- Marais des Cygnes Water Basin
- Missouri Water Basin
- Neosho Water Basin
- Smoky Hill-Saline Water Basin
- Solomon Water Basin
- Upper Arkansas Water Basin
- Upper Republican Water Basin
- Verdigris Water Basin
- Walnut Water Basin

• **Five groundwater management districts.**

• **Two agriculture representatives, one east and one west of US Highway 81.**

- A full-time governmental employee.
- Two directors from a municipalities, one east of and one west of US Highway 81.
- A full-time financial institution employee or officer.
- One State of Kansas registered professional engineer and one Kansas licensed attorney.

- Two industrial and commercial directors, one from either side of US Highway 81.
- One energy or mining firm representative.
- A director involved in water related recreation or wildlife preservation.

Policy Formulation

- Requires a 2/3 majority to take a position of advocacy on policy or legislation.
- Consensus of sub-committees established as part of state affairs committee.

Officers

- President
- Vice President (shall succeed to President)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Executive Director

Committees

- Management and Budget
- Nominating
- Resolution
- State Affairs
- Federal Affairs

Meetings

- Winter General Membership Meeting
 - Annual Meeting
- Summer General Membership Meeting
- Issue related meetings held in various locations across the state and at offices in Topeka, KS.

Initial directors

David Brenn, Garden City

Harland Priddle, Burton

Ken Frahm, Colby

Richard Reinhardt, Erie

Robin Jennison, Topeka

Paul Tobia, Wichita

Sen. Janis Lee, Kensington

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Funding and Sustaining Members

- ⌘ Big Bend GMD #5
- ⌘ Brookover Companies
- ⌘ Centera Bank
- ⌘ Equus Beds GMD #2
- ⌘ Henkle Drilling and Supply
- ⌘ Kansas Agribusiness Retailer Association
- ⌘ Kansas Bankers Association
- ⌘ Kansas Dairy Commission
- ⌘ Kansas Farm Bureau
- ⌘ Kansas Grain and Feed
- ⌘ Kansas Livestock Association
- ⌘ Kansas Outdoors, LTD
- ⌘ Northwest Kansas GMD #4
- ⌘ Reeve Cattle Company
- ⌘ Rooney Agribusiness
- ⌘ Rooney Ranch Inc.
- ⌘ SW Kansas GMD #3

Funding and Sustaining Members

- ⌘ SW Kansas Irrigation Association
- ⌘ Sunflower Electric
- ⌘ Western Kansas GMD #1
- ⌘ Western Beverage Company
- ⌘ Woofter Pump and Well
- ⌘ Windriver Grain
- ⌘ Wright Water Engineers
- ⌘ State Association of Kansas Watersheds
- ⌘ Kansas Aggregate Producers Association
- ⌘ Water Protection Association of Central Kansas (Waterpack)
- ⌘ Kansas Association of Counties
- ⌘ Farm Credit of SW Kansas
- ⌘ Associated Ditches of Kansas
- ⌘ Kansas Builders Association
- ⌘ Pawnee Watershed District
- ⌘ Western Sprinkler
- ⌘ The Garden City Company