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King and Kissick Appointed to Serve on Kansas Water Authority

Governor Sam Brownback recently appointed Alan King and Calvin Kissick both of Wichita to serve on the Kansas Water Authority (KWA).

King has served as Director of Public Works & Utilities of the city of Wichita. He is representing the League of Kansas Municipalities and has more than 35 years of experience in the utility operations and management both as an appointed public official and as a private sector consultant both nationally and internationally.

“I am pleased to be selected to serve on the Kansas Water Authority. My hope is to apply my 38 years of experience in municipal utilities to help formulate Kansas' long term water supply strategy,” King said. “I appreciate the value of having clean, reliable water available for our citizens and businesses. I also appreciate the challenge of drought which was made so real to all of us just two years ago. I am excited to work alongside such a talented group.”

Also appointed representing both Groundwater Management Districts 2 and 5 is Calvin Kissick. He is a producer and has worked to expand the operation to three counties and improve the irrigation. He also retired from the Air Force as a Lt. Colonel and then was a Captain with United Airlines for 16 years.

“My global travel experiences and local farming operations have allowed me to see firsthand how vital water is to a region's economy and society. While I have much to learn, I already know the State of Kansas is respected as a national leader in its water management and planning policies, yet faces many critical issues including declining aquifer levels, pollution and reservoir management,” Kissick said. “I'm honored to be selected to serve on the KWA. I hope my experience and knowledge will make a meaningful contribution to our State in maintaining this critical resource.”

The KWA is responsible for advising the Governor, Legislature and Director of the Kansas Water Office on water policy issues. They also ensure that water policies and programs address the needs of all Kansans as well as serve as advisors of the *Kansas Water Vision* and *Kansas Water Plan*. The KWA was established in 1981 and consists of 13 voting members who are appointed by the Governor or Legislative leadership. State agency directors serve as ex-officio members.

The next meeting will be held in Ellsworth, Kan. on December 17. KWA meetings are held throughout the year and for additional information and other upcoming meetings, visit www.kwo.org.

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