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## **Nighswonger Appointed to Serve on Kansas Water Authority**

Governor Sam Brownback recently appointed Ted Nighswonger of Lenora to serve on the Kansas Water Authority (KWA).

Nighswonger is a lifelong farmer/rancher from Graham County and has been involved in water and conservation issues for many years. For more than 25 years he has served at the local and state level for the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) and received awards for his conservation efforts. He also represents Area I on the State Conservation Commission.

“I am concerned about all natural resources but being a farmer from western Kansas, water is a very important part of our economics and livelihood,” said Nighswonger. “I look forward to representing all conservation districts of the state as I have northwest Kansas on the State Conservation Commission.”

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 Garden City, Kan., May 17-18. KWA meetings are held throughout the year and for additional information and other upcoming meetings, visit [www.kwo.org](http://www.kwo.org).

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