

Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas

November 9 & 10

Zoom Online Conference Sessions

** PROGRAM STILL BEING FINALIZED **

1:30 p.m. Monday, November 9, 2020

Opening Session & Welcome

Progress on the Kansas Water Plan & Vision for the Future of Water in Kansas

Cara Hendricks, Assistant Director, Kansas Water Office

Governor Laura Kelly

Featured Speakers:

Patrick Decker, President and CEO, Xylem Inc.

Dr. George Annandale, Principal, George W. Annandale, Inc.

Dr. Steven Rosenzweig, Soil Scientist, General Mills

Day 2 Preview

8:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Day 2 Opening Comments

Student Poster Awards

Dan Devlin, Director, Kansas Center for Agricultural Resources and the Environment (KCARE)

Surface Water Issues (Continuation of Day 2 Opening Session)

- Taking the Pulse on Water Quality in 2020 – Tom Stiles (KDHE)
- Aquatic Nuisance Species - Status, Impacts, and Opportunities in Kansas – Chris Steffen (KDWPT)
- Developing a Multi-use Restoration Plan for Midwest Streams – Michael Heller (JEO Consulting Group)

Groundwater Issues (10:00 a.m - 11:30 a.m.)

- The New Kid on the Block: The Kansas River Alluvial Aquifer Index Well Program – Jim Butler (KGS)
- Certified Irrigator Program Development – Shannon Kenyon (GMD4)
- A Tale of Two Producers – Kylene Hunt (Kylene Hunt & Co)

Infrastructure (1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

- Community Affordability in Small Water Systems – Michelle DeHaven (WSU Environmental Finance Center)
- Urban Tree Cover Impacts on Stormwater Management – Andrew Larson (JEO Consulting Group)
- In Spite of COVID-19, now may be the time to address our water infrastructure needs – Tracy Streeter (Burns & McDonnell)

Research Topics (2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

- Treating Produced Water for Beneficial Reuse: A Pilot Project in Kansas – Edward Peltier (KU)
- DropXL Sorghum: A trait technology package to deliver water-optimized sorghum varieties – Rubi Raymundo (KSU)
- Solutions to Declining Resources in Agriculture – Economics, Technical Innovations, and FEWTures – Mary Hill (KU)