



**November 9 & 10, 2020  
Zoom Online Conference Sessions**

**DAY 1**

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

**Opening Session/Welcome**

**Governor Laura Kelly**

**State Agency Panel Discussion**

Secretary David Toland, Kansas Department of Commerce

Secretary Brad Loveless, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism

Assistant Secretary Kelsey Olson, Kansas Department of Agriculture

Bureau Director Tom Stiles, Kansas Department of Health & Environment

Acting Director Cara Hendricks, Kansas Water Office

**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**



## DAY 2

**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)**

Moderated by Steve Adams (Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism)

- 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.)**

Moderated by Susan Metzger (Kansas State University)

- 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.)**

Moderated by Kayla Savage (Kansas Department of Commerce)

- 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) and Bryan Frye (Wichita City Council)

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

Moderated by Blair Schneider (Kansas Geological Survey)

- 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 (CSU) and Sarah Sexton-Bowser (CSI)
- Solutions to Declining Resources in Agriculture – Economics, Technical Innovations, and FEWtures – Mary Hill (KU)