

Randy Hayzlett –

Randy was born in 1952, attended Lakin High School and after graduation attended Fort Hays State University. However, due to a family circumstance he left college and returned to Lakin and became involved in farming and ranching with an uncle. Loving the love the lifestyle of farming and ranching, he decided to devote his life to it.

He quickly became involved in water issues since his first land purchase fell in the boundaries of the first Intensive Groundwater Use Control Area (IGUCA) in the state. The land he and his wife purchased also had shares on the South Side Ditch Association. After serving several years as a board of director on the South Side Ditch, Randy was eventually elected as president of the association and served in that capacity for several years and continues to serve as a board member.

Randy has served in many capacities in regards to water. He was a longtime member of the Upper Arkansas River BAC, until his appointment to the KWA. In 1990 he was appointed to the Arkansas River Compact Administration (ARCA) and still serves as vice-chairman of ARCA for the state of Kansas. He has seen the well-known KS v. CO lawsuit from the early years to its completion. He also serves as Chairman of the Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee, a committee that has identified and completed water conservation projects in the area that was considered damaged during the Kansas v. Colorado lawsuit. Since 2012 Randy has served on the board of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District #3.

He takes pride in serving on the KWA and expanding his knowledge as the state addresses the many and varied concerns with water. He believes water resources, whether rivers, groundwater or reservoirs, must remain on the front burners in order to maintain a balanced economy as well as sustain our towns and cities in both rural and urban areas of the state.

He and his wife Pam have been married for 42 years; have three grown children, several grandchildren and great grandchildren. They enjoy attending their families' activities and continue to farm and ranch with their son.