

Kirk Tjelmeland

Kirk is a Water Resource Planner at the Kansas Water Office, coordinating meetings and activities with three Regional Advisory Committees: Kansas, Missouri and Solomon-Republican. He is also responsible for managing several EPA Wetland grants, a BOR produced water grant and some community outreach.

Prior to joining the KWO in 2016, Kirk was an employee of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism for 27 years. He started in Conservation Work at Kanopolis State Park, moved on to Wildlife and Park Manager at Webster Reservoir and spent the last 23 years as a Fish Biologist stationed at Perry Reservoir. He was responsible for managing public and private water in the six northeast counties of Kansas.

Kirk started his college career at Kansas State University in 1982 with the intent of becoming a Mechanical Engineer. His hunting and fishing hobbies pulled him in a different direction. He graduated as a well-rounded student with a B.S. in Fisheries Biology from KSU.

Kirk is currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams.