

Local Environmental Protection Plan (LEPP) Newsletter

Annual Sanitarian Meetings

The final sanitarian meeting was held in Chanute on January 27, making it the last of four sanitarian meeting across Kansas. I had the opportunity to attend all the sanitarian meetings and felt that great topics were brought up at each meeting, and the dialog between different county sanitarians was truly helpful. A total of 56 sanitarians/ regulators attended one of the four meetings and I truly appreciate all the sanitarians taking a day in their busy schedules to attend. The beneficial information and links talked about at the sanitarian meetings are published in this newsletter, and will be in future LEPP newsletters, so please stay tuned. I will also address some of the questions that were brought up at the sanitarian meetings in the "Questions Asked" section of the newsletter, that you will see in future publications. I want to thank Beth Rowlands and Doug Schneweis for handling all the lunch details and logistics for the sanitarian meetings.

-Ann D'Alfonso, KDHE Bureau of Water



Hays Sanitarian Meeting —December 2014



Lawrence Sanitarian Meeting —December 2014

New Sanitarian

Darin McCullough—Lyon County

I am a Kansas man, born and raised. I have an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Industrial Maintenance from Flint Hills Technical College. I worked as an Electrician in the City of Emporia for about 12 years. I then obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Biology Science Technician for a little over 7 years. I have now been an Environmental Health Specialist for the Flint Hills Community

Health Center since mid-November.

I married my high school sweetheart and we have been together for 13 years. We have two amazing children, a 7 year old girl and a 3 year old boy.

Calendar of Events

Dickinson County Yearly Licensing Workshop

February 11

Department of Environmental Services at the transfer station off Jeep Road

If interested in attending, please contact Randy Barton at (785) 263-4780

Southwest Kansas Local Environmental Planning Group Septage Pumper Training Meeting

February 19, 1:00 pm

Finney County Administration Building

If interested in attending, please contact Scott Selee at (620) 272-7959

Lyon & Coffey County Contractors Meeting

February 26

William L. White Civic Auditorium

If interested in attending, please contact Keena Privat at (620) 342-4864 x5

Helpful Links:

Additional links requested from the sanitarian meeting will be featured in future LEPP newsletters.

Kansas Ground Water Association –

KGWA was mentioned at several sanitarian meetings in regard to educational opportunities to learn more about proper domestic water well drilling. They also hold an annual convention and several sanitarians had a lot of positive feedback.

<http://www.kgwa.org/mission.htm>

Kansas Electronic Watershed Library (KEWL)-

A 20 min. video on how to properly plugging a well will be uploaded.

<http://www.kswraps.org/library>

Kansas Health Matters Link to County Demographic –

At the Lawrence sanitarian meeting several sanitarians found this site helpful when gaining general knowledge of their counties:

<http://www.kansashealthmatters.org/index.php?module=DemographicData&type=user&func=qfview&varset=1&topic1=County&topic2=Oklahoma>

Low Interest Loan Program Update

The Local Conservation Lending Program, as proposed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), continues to make progress. The proposed program, which has been discussed by Rich Basore at various meetings over the past several months, would make funds available through a linked-deposit system to local banks in exchange for low-interest loans to eligible borrowers for conservation projects. Such projects are aimed at protecting water quality in Kansas, and include four main project categories as proposed. Of particular interest to many sanitarians is the proposed Onsite Wastewater Assistance category, which includes the repair and/or replacement of failing private septic systems.

House Bill No. 2304 has been submitted by KDHE and is scheduled to be introduced to the Kansas House of Representatives for consideration during the current legislative session. The purpose of the bill is to authorize KDHE to administer the proposed program while utilizing set aside funds from the Kansas Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund already reserved for the purpose of the program. KDHE believes that the proposed Local Conservation Lending Program offers a creative solution to increase funding options for conservation practices without impacting the state budget.

Letters or emails expressing support for House Bill No. 2304 are welcome. Should you wish to submit support on behalf of your county, association or affiliation, please contact Cara Hendricks at chendricks@kdheks.gov, or by phone at (785) 296-5558, or Rich Basore at rbasore@kdheks.gov.

Scholarship Opportunities

- Ten scholarships were awarded to sanitarians/ regulators to attend the Kansas Small Flows Conference February 4, 5 & 6 in Junction City.
- The next scholarship opportunity will be for an upcoming Kansas Small Flows workshop in March, a date and location will be determined. Updated information will be provided in future LEPP updates.

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