

Former WCWD Manager Appointed to Honorable Water Council

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Joe Liles, former general manager of the Warren County Water District, has been named as one of 28 members on a prestigious national committee of water utilities – the American Water Works Association’s Water Utility Council (WUC). Liles will serve as a representative of the 24,800 water systems that are members of the National Rural Water Association (NRWA).

Deputy Executive Director of the AWWA, Tom Curtis, said the purpose of the WUC is to ensure that laws and regulations make sense for water utilities and their customers. According to Curtis, protecting public health is foremost for utilities and the WUC, but the council makes sure projects and regulations are done in a way that doesn’t waste customers’ money.

“My work in the water industry has been very satisfying, and it’s an honor to hold this position,” Liles said. “I’m excited about this new work, and it’s my intention to provide as much insight to the council as possible.”

As an active member of the NRWA since 1979, Liles currently serves as Secretary, an elected position to the Executive Board. The NRWA Board has the responsibility of addressing regulatory, environmental, legislative, technical assistance and training challenges facing America's water industry. Liles was approached by the president of the NRWA to serve on the Water Utilities Council.

"This is a position of significant responsibility," said Alan Vilines, WCWD general manager. "Not only do members need to deal with very complex legislation and regulations that impact water quality and service around the nation; but Joe must also bring in the perspective of rural water service providers."

Liles was one of seven original incorporators of the Kentucky Rural Water Association (KRWA). He also served as its President and Vice-president. For the past 19 years, Liles has held the position of Treasurer of KRWA, a national leader in the water and wastewater service profession. Through joint operations, he was the long-time manager of Warren, Butler and Simpson County Water Districts retiring as general manager on Sept. 30, 2005, after 38 years of service. Liles continues to work with these districts as Community/Governmental Relations Assistant.

Gary Larimore of the Kentucky Rural Water Association said, "No one is more qualified to serve on this important committee and to better represent the public interest than Joe Liles."

Warren County Water District is responsible for providing public water service to approximately 22,500 customers, and wastewater collection services to approximately 3,200 customers in Warren County including residential, commercial and industrial connections. WCWD is a team of 54 employees, with expertise in areas of engineering, finance, operations and customer service, working throughout the three-county area to ensure reliable, high quality services to all customers.