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Scott Snell

There are Lessons in the Past—Kregel Windmill Factory Museum

By Scott Snell, Nebraska State Irrigation Association

When you take that very first step into the Kregel Windmill Museum in Nebraska City, you leave the world you came from and enter something more tangible. Now you are amongst hardened steel and custom wood craft. The factory museum shelves are filled floor to ceiling with hundreds of boxes and bins stacked with hardware and gears, bearings and bolts. What appears to be a cacophony of chaos is a perfectly preserved orchestration of late 1870's industry. In fact, there are over 1 million catalogued artifacts on display just as it was left when the factory closed in the 1970s. The smell of century-old grease, coal ash, and machine oil enriches the seemingly endless time-travel.

The Kregel Windmill Museum is the last of its kind anywhere in the United States. During the rush to draw water from the ground to irrigate crops and sustain livestock along the 1850s-1970s, there were over a 1,000 such factories building from scratch the best technology we had at the time to tap into aquifers across the nation. Water was, and will never cease to be liquid gold, and the goal was to make it as accessible as possible to quench a post-Civil war industrializing and agricultural countryside. The simplicity of a windmill was in essence brilliant, and out of all those 1,000+ windmill factories, only the Kregel factory remains. Founded by George Kregel and continued by his son Arthur, their "ELI" windmills still dot the Midwest in various forms of condition. They stand like lone steel sentinels marking the water drawing-point like headstones honoring the past. You see a windmill and you think of water.

I drove to Nebraska City on assignment to write this article and I was told prior that I would be meeting with the museum's executive director, Issiah Yott. It was a fall Friday at 1:30pm and as we were getting ready to start the interview, a retired couple from New Mexico came to the museum front door. I watched them as they entered. They had that same stunned look that I must have had when I entered. They simply stopped 5 feet into the factory, and you could see that they were experiencing that same sequence of time-travel. Like myself, I could see

they were utterly mesmerized by the sights, smells, and yes sounds from the piped in speaker system that recorded the factory in full operation in its heyday. The ambient sounds mix with the smells, and well, it's almost magical. In order to maintain this magic, the board of directors that oversee the Kregel factory commissioned a modern building to be built around and over the original factory building to keep out water and other debilitating elements that could further deteriorate the original structure. It's akin to having a cake plate with a domed cover to protect the cake inside—The cake being the factory, of course.

Issiah conducted a tour with me and the couple. The timing was perfect; I had the privilege of witnessing how passionate Issiah was about this subject matter. He described how this entire factory was run by six individuals and that "ELI" windmills were shipped across the United States and several countries including Mexico, Canada, Australia, England, and the south of France. At only 30 years old, Issiah Yott has become one of the most renowned authorities on windmill construction and their preservation in the U.S. He has worked hard to learn this historical trade and is often called upon from folks around the world to offer advice and consultation. On free days, with binoculars in hand, he scours eastern Nebraska, western Iowa and northern Missouri via gravel road in



Windmill Exhibit at 2022 Nebraska State Fair

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search of “ELI” windmills. The locals affectionately call Issiah the “Windmill Kid,” but industry enthusiasts refer to themselves simply as “Windmillers.” It’s more than that though, because Issiah grew up on a farm in Auburn, Nebraska, and he feels he has come home once again to embrace his roots in agriculture.

As we officially sat down for the interview, I asked him if what he is doing is some sort of “Windmill Taxidermy.” He chuckled at this notion and said, “In some circumstances, yes, I feel as though to preserve the past, we need to restore these windmills because it becomes a testament to our history.”

Without neglecting the present, our history is indeed the foundation for the future. In order to create a greater vision and ultimately continue the mission of the Kregel factory, Issiah begins, “Here I am protecting the farm, protecting the culture of the farm, teaching and instructing about windmills, and water usage, and the layers of history behind that out of a windmill factory that’s a museum.”

Issiah continues in what he calls the four phases of furthering the Kregel legacy. He stated, “In the ‘Kregel’ world, I like to think that there are four main fronts of action going forward. The main front or phase is the actual factory, the actual Kregel factory. It is about keeping it open; it’s trying to do as many public tours for people coming through the town to see it as we can and preserving the asset. Because that’s really where anything else we can do starts from as a ‘home base’... It’s about the history of this place no matter how we choose to expand it. Whether it’s a program or a project, this really all stems back to home base which is the Kregel Windmill Factory itself. So that’s always main goal number one-crown piece one.”

“Stage Two is what I call ‘Community Programs.’ Whether that’s outdoor or indoor, some are based inside of the factory here, guest speakers, smaller demonstrations, living history, re-enactment, and public forums,” continues Issiah.

“For example, we will be hosting the Nebraska Water Topics Q & A Seminar on October 22nd,” explained Issiah. “The whole idea of this particular information water session, or water education event, is to give people a public forum to not only listen to what is being said about water in our state, but it also gives people a chance to get informed and ask questions from experts that deal with water and water education, and water institutions statewide...folks like Lee Orton who really have spent a life time of dedicating decades to the science of water and its auxiliary factions. It gives people an opportunity to open-up questions they have that affect them in real life.”

Issiah stressed, “This is not just another lecture that you can learn something that’s neat, but how does it apply to you? This is an opportunity for regular folks that have

water concerns or questions to voice their first-line questions, that way they can get solutions to problems that they have in their actual personal or home-life.”



Issiah Yott, Dave Straub, David Silcox, Dan Beard, Joe Hylok, Mcvey Mill Project

The Third Stage that Issiah promotes are educational projects outside of the museum. He actively works with landowners to restore, protect, and preserve “ELI” windmills that have fallen victim to age and time. Sometimes this involves re-assembly and replacement of broken parts. Some of these replacement parts can be found on the stocked shelves of original parts from the factory museum. Again, that is the notion of windmill taxidermy, but in this case, the idea is to get the windmill back into full working condition as opposed to becoming merely ornamental.

Issiah self-reflectively asked, “What are we doing in the community that is outside of the actual windmill factory museum that is showcasing the tenants that we live by in here: water, education, wind education, agricultural preservation, the teaching of historical, cultural, and living history types of things? How are we doing it out there in the community apart from here?” That usually translates to one word...‘projects,’ which means windmill projects, or windmill erection, or windmill assembly.

These questions led Issiah to develop a 10-year partnership with the Nebraska State Fair called the “Saving Farm Culture Initiative.” Issiah began this partnership by donating a functioning “ELI” windmill to be on display on the grounds of the state fair along with other brands of windmills, which serves as a perfect arena to showcase windmill history. “Also, one of the places that I have always adored for a long time is Arbor Lodge State Park,” he reminisced. Issiah is working with state park officials to erect an “ELI” windmill near the Arbor Lodge. These initiatives are a part of the grander idea of Stage Three.

Stage Four of the Kregel Windmill Factory Museum is where Issiah posits, “How do we market a place like this museum past the Nebraska boundaries?” This question was answered when a rancher in south Texas contacted Issiah about an “ELI” windmill that had been inoperable on his family’s ranch. Issiah saw the opportunity to help refurbish the windmill into working order all the while gaining positive publicity in the Texas town to start driving tourism to Nebraska City from outside Nebraska borders.

Things usually come full circle in life, and Issiah is experiencing that himself at the helm of the museum.

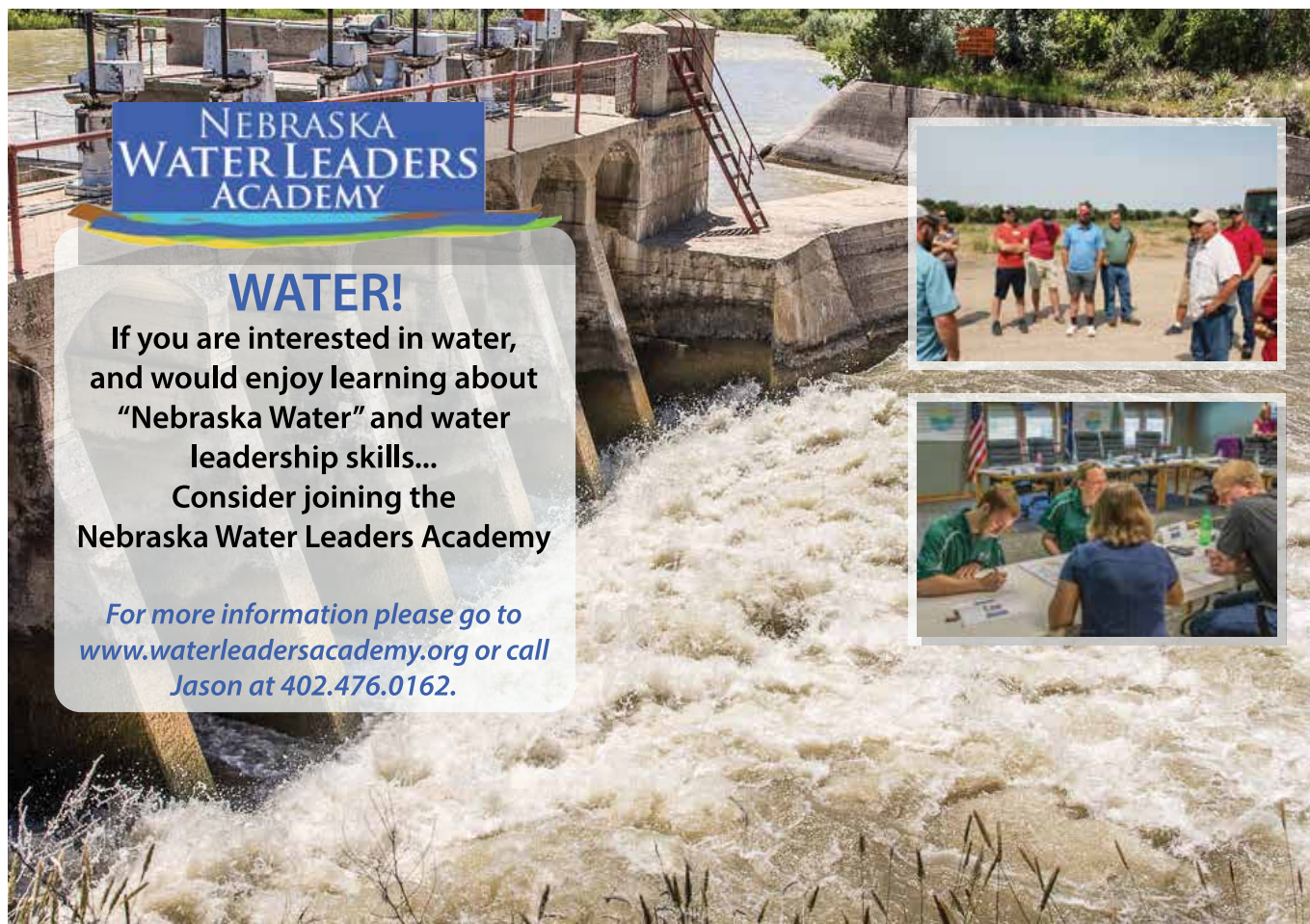
"It's a full circle effect," he said. "It starts, it impacts over decades. Now we're a museum, and now we are giving windmills back to the community when the original business as a factory would've been selling windmills to help the agricultural community grow, and now I am giving windmills back to the agricultural community to say 'thank-you for the business,' if you will. This is not simply a 'tour' for me here... I feel I am saving this history, and this culture for the public, as we see several thousand people a year come and visit the museum."

As a result, Issiah has applied to add the Kregel Windmill Factory Museum to the National Historic Register. "How do you understand where we are going if we do not understand where we've been?" asks Issiah. "There is a certain element of this history in this building for everybody no matter what age you are, or what background you're from, or heck whatever ethnicity you're from. None of that matters in here. It all molds into an appreciation for agricultural history...and specifically, windmills." In summation, Issiah says, "I'd like to think that fifty years from now when I'm gone—that I can pass on in death—and know that this place is going to survive another hundred years because people will keep this legacy moving forward. It's about the Kregel family, and it's about windmills, and

it's about agriculture. I would think that even the Kregels would probably understand that the sign on the door says 'Kregel Windmill Factory' but realistically the lessons and the memories you make on a tour through this factory are a greater crown piece of their family's legacy than the mill ever was. This is because here they are decades later deceased, but their legacy still lives on. In operating the museum, every decision is a ripple of the legacy that you are preserving. There are lessons from the past... and we have an obligation as an institution to try and take some of this culture and this knowledge and this history and repackage it into something that today's world can understand as far as the knowledge to be gained from the experiences of our ancestors in a place like this."

Yes, the Kregel Windmill Factory Museum is in young, but extremely capable hands because Issiah Yott is an old soul. He lives the Kregel mission—breathes it—and acts upon it. He employs wisdom and graciously imparts it, thus giving the museum an ancestral voice.

[Please take a moment to visit the Kregel website at kregelwindmillfactorymuseum.org and then drive to Nebraska City and sit with Issiah for an hour or two... you'll be glad you did].



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Featured Guest: Tracy Zink



Tracy Zink and her nephew Aiden go for a "cab ride."

Association, and is on the board for both the Nebraska Rural Radio Association and the Red Willow County extension agency.

Here is what Tracy shared with me having coffee on her farm on October 24, 2023:

As an operator inside the basin, I have come to rely on the structure of the Middle Republican NRD. For example, as I plan for the coming year, I need to know how much irrigation water we are allocated to help determine which crops will go where and outline all components for the season. Then it's a roll of the dice to match that information with the uncertainty of the weather. Farming in the basin is a delicate balancing act but having the NRD (rules and regulations) that are black and white gives everyone a consistent starting point.

As a member of the NRD board of directors, we meet monthly and will sometimes have committee calls during the month. As Chair of the board, I stay in touch with the office throughout the month by email and/or phone with the General Manager, Jack Russell. For me personally, participation on the board has heightened my attention to water and natural resources and I am constantly forwarding articles and programs to the office of other states and other water programs and different water learning opportunities, such as the Nebraska Water Leaders Academy. I love it when something from one board can benefit or is of interest to another board.

Well, "rewarding" is just everyday making it through, and having new aspirations or goals, so that we always have something in the works. We don't want to just 'go with the

flow,' down the lazy river. With the analogy of a river, we want to know how fast things are moving, how much turbulence there is, where the calmest shores are and any whirlpools to avoid. You could use a million analogies, but we want a smooth and safe ride...so it's very rewarding to me when we do make progress.

The challenging part for me is not knowing enough to get my message across to others of what we are necessarily working towards. I think my role is to ask questions. I don't have footnotes or historical knowledge to rely on, so I just ask questions. When I hear someone say 'We don't do that because etc.'" I might ask 'Well, does that make sense today?' and often just asking that question gets people to re-think and maybe process something new or different.

So that's what I find challenging is getting everyone to understand and broadening their perspective. Having singleness of purpose is necessary and valuable, but when it comes to making decisions for the entire district, the state, and multiple generations to come, you must be able to take off the blinders and look across the fence and consider the "what" and "why" for others.

When thinking of water in our rural location, finding the bridge to cross to meet people is where we arrive at successful compromises. Understanding both sides of an issue, looking at 'What's next?' generationally, and how "the world may turn" in the near and far-term is critical to making sound decisions. If we don't work together considering all components, we'll stay in the revolving door of conflict.

Every time we have a new irrigation allocation period, it's a time of education...and unfortunately misunderstandings. In this basin it is impossible to be rigid. The weather demands that! Add in various government bodies and their rules and regulations and if we don't learn and grow, we don't survive. We've become excellent and resilient producers because of it! My agronomist's golden rule is "Do not farm planning on the rain!"

Individually, in our operation I am making sure that the equipment allows us to farm everything timely. We stick with our rotations and don't vary based on marketing forecasts. We have limited water for our center pivots, so we



A storm comes calling...



No-till planting on the strips.

evaluate splitting the pivot with two different crops or possibly a full pivot of winter wheat to help the following two- or three-year season crops. I am fortunate to have the team that I do, but all of the moving parts in today's operation are challenging: timely delivery of product, broadband access, equipment/part availability are a few issues that are not unique to just our basin.

Collectively, a lack of skilled labor in rural communities is a big issue...our basin in particular is an excellent centralized place to live and raise a family, but collectively, we are always going to battle water issues, always...and what will that mean? Both quantity and quality are going to require constant discussions. My well water has tested high in nitrates, and I'm going to do my part to prevent that from worsening and make changes to make sure we are being as healthy as we can be.

In order for us to work together, we have to come together. We have to see all sides and say here's where we're at, here's where we would like to go, and in an adult manner identify the divide between and how we can expedite the process. In every situation, if you contribute before you criticize, we can move mountains.

In terms of the Republican River Basin, I believe groundwater and surface water are going to have to work together more. We are parallel in why we do things, but I think there is a more cooperative way to integrate our paths that will conserve both of the resources. Our district isn't in a bubble, so that impacts what we are able to do. I get that, but I think we have to start with this one hand here and this hand here and we put them together like this (Tracy gestures by clasping her right hand and left hand together to form a bond and smiles). Wouldn't that be nice?

It should be a chain. Nothing is permanent and change will come. It has to come for there to be progress! When we have a weak-link we address it and get it fixed. When there's a click or jump in the chain let's identify it and smooth it out...together.

Again, I go back to education...it's important for every producer to maintain a "crack" to let new ideas in... let it permeate a little bit, let it sink in there. It may not be in this generation, but make sure the next generation is getting exposure. That's what both the Nebraska Water Leaders Academy and the Nebraska LEAD

Program do...they expose minds and empower them to share these ideas and information with those who can't participate. By 'can't' I mean those who aren't able to devote the time to be a participant. No one can be everywhere, and we need to share what we've learned. I feel that's my responsibility when I serve on these boards.

When there is an opportunity to get women in agriculture, or women in precision ag, I think that's important, but I also talk to the dads because a lot of them were not thinking about their girls taking over the farm. We have always had women in ag, but they were often in jobs that weren't "out front."

I think what makes the world spin are those people who have sincere curiosity. Getting people interested in what we are doing as an NRD board and helping them understand the relevance of what we are doing is important. I want to make sure that boards that exist are not token activities that people check off their calendar. Secondly, I am so proud of the Middle Republican NRD and its programs, especially the telemetry network we have in place on wells. I am a science person and the real-time data that we get from telemetry ultimately helps us make better management decisions for our district. Lastly, agriculture has a story, and we have to tell it...We have to be good storytellers promoting the legacy of Nebraska's water and natural resources.



Checking the strip till depth with "Duke."



"Golden crop" at the end of the rainbow."

"Coffee with Scotty" series follows Scott Snell sitting down with featured guests at their home, or place of business to have a cup of coffee and speak frankly about water related issues in their own words.

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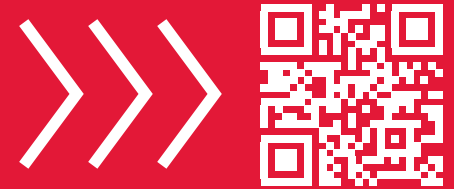
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Nebraska Legislature Created \$50 million Surface Water Irrigation Infrastructure Fund

By LeRoy Sievers & Mike Placke

Work Accomplished for Surface Water Irrigators

NSIA is a non-profit organization that was organized in 1893 for the purpose of promoting and advocating for surface water irrigation. Over the more than 100 years, it has helped shape irrigation laws and advocate for the wise use of Nebraska's water in a sustainable manner so that it can be available for a variety of uses across the state.

NSIA advocated for the creation of a fund that could support rehabilitation of surface water infrastructure so that the benefits of surface projects could be maintained long into the future. The Nebraska Legislature created the 50-million-dollar Surface Water Irrigation Infrastructure Fund (SWIIF) in 2022 that made funding available for needed repairs and rehabilitation of surface water projects across the state. NSIA began a large effort to visit most surface irrigation projects to explain and support efforts to wisely use the SWIIF resource in order to preserve the multiple benefits that surface water irrigation provides to the state. In addition to visiting the projects, NSIA along with JEO Consulting developed reports on individual project needs and options for financing the needs that individual irrigation entities chose to pursue. Thus NSIA helped many irrigation entities to complete Needs Assessments that were submitted to the State of Nebraska, Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Later after receiving feedback from DNR, NSIA met with numerous irrigation entities to discuss their options for the projects they needed to complete and how they might accomplish them given DNR's willingness to support some of the projects. NSIA has helped those

irrigation districts that wanted help in submitting applications to DNR for funding from the SWIIF and for funding from other grant sources. NSIA has also helped districts become eligible for assistance from the federal government in the event of natural disasters by submitting requests for assistance in complying with the Hazard Mitigation planning process undertaken by the North Platte Natural Resources District. NSIA has helped some districts work on drafting applications to the federal government's Water SMART program administered by the Bureau of Reclamation. NSIA has also continued to consult with a number of districts to help them determine the best options for financing their infrastructure projects given their individual circumstance. NSIA is committed to helping every individual irrigation entity that needs help in deciding how to complete their individual infrastructure projects.



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Message from the President

It is a pleasure to write this column for the first edition of the Nebraska Irrigator published by the Nebraska State Irrigation Association (NSIA).

The NSIA, as stated on its web site, has “represented irrigation projects and their water user constituents for more than 100 years. Since irrigation leaders formed the association in 1893 (just 11 years after the state’s first water diversion project was built), the association has monitored and contributed to countless irrigation developments for the benefit of all Nebraska.

“The NSIA represents irrigation districts and their water user constituents in frequent contacts with governmental leaders at state and national levels. It also represents about 75% of the surface water project irrigated acreage in the state.” Today Nebraska is known nationally as a leader in irrigated agriculture and – according to USDA statistics -- consistently ranks first or second (depending upon the ebb and flow in the number of irrigated acres in California) in land under irrigation.

It wasn’t always that way. In the late 19th Century, when Nebraska had been a state for less than three decades, irrigation was barely utilized to improve yields from the fertile soil. In fact, there was a widely held sentiment among the state’s population that to admit there was a need for additional water beyond precipitation was to admit that the land was unsuitable to agriculture.

An extreme drought that crippled crop production in 1890 – and persisted through 1895 -- stimulated the nascent efforts to expand irrigation development in the state and change the public’s perception about the need for irrigation.

Several early irrigation advocates – too many to name here, but a few deserve mention -- took it upon themselves to lead a crusade to develop irrigation from the state’s many rivers to help boost crop production and protect the state’s farmers and agriculture-based economy during periods of drought. Some of these advocates included William Smythe, an editor with the Omaha Bee, who wrote passionately about the need for irrigation and later left the newspaper to become a self-appointed leader of a movement to bring irrigation to as many areas in Nebraska as possible. Smythe was instrumental in the formation of the NSIA.

Another early proponent was Ivan Fort, who was a surveyor and real estate developer in Lincoln County and referred

to in some publications as an “irrigation missionary” for his efforts to promote irrigation. Fort would later become the first president of the Nebraska State Irrigation Association upon its founding in 1893.

C.W. McConaughy, George P. Kingsley, George E. Johnson and Ralph Canaday, all of whom were associated with the creation and development of the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District were also prominent irrigation pioneers in the early part of the 20th Century (Canaday served as the NSIA’s president in 1929).

All of these individuals shared a dream that irrigation could bring to prosperity to Nebraska.

In 1889, the U.S. Census Bureau determined that there were fewer than 9,000 irrigated acres in Nebraska. Through the efforts of the NSIA and other irrigation advocates, there were more than 150,000 acres under irrigation by 1900, mostly in western Nebraska where rainfall amounts were generally lower than in the east.

According to Brad Rundquist, who wrote an interesting history of the NSIA for “Flat Water: A History of Nebraska and Its Water,” (published in 1993), the early years of the NSIA were characterized by a fervor to expand irrigation in Nebraska, spurred on by a slogan coined by Fort: “Irrigate or Emigrate.” At the first few annual meetings of the association, the delegates asked the U.S. Congress to appropriate funds for reservoir construction, lobbied for creation of local irrigation projects and petitioned the state to create agricultural experiment stations in western Nebraska to explore ways to utilize and improve irrigation practices.

In 1891, before the formation of the NSIA, irrigation supporters drafted legislation during a statewide irrigation convention to promote irrigation and create a system for appropriating water. The Nebraska Legislature mulled over the drafts, made modifications and finally passed laws in 1895 that form the foundation for Nebraska’s water law. At the NSIA’s annual meeting in 1894, more than 200 delegates from across the state were read letters of support for their efforts written by Smythe, J. Sterling Morton and none other than William F. (“Buffalo Bill”) Cody.

As the work of the early irrigation pioneers started to yield results, efforts to expand irrigation shifted from private organizations and leadership to more of a state government

function. The State Board of Irrigation (which evolved through several incarnations into today's Department of Natural Resources) was created in 1895, along with the aforementioned state water statutes.

Space does not allow an extensive account of the entire history of the NSIA; instead let's mention some initiatives that illustrate the role the association has played in recent years.

The NSIA, through its board of directors and Executive Director Lee Orton, established the Nebraska Water Leaders Academy in 2009. Class members from throughout Nebraska meet every two months over the course of a year for two-day sessions to learn the principles of first-rate leadership and about the vital role of rivers, streams and aquifers in Nebraska. The Academy's mission is to provide learning opportunities that focus on cooperative approaches to solving Nebraska's water issues.

Academy members from varied professional backgrounds participate in an educational experience to learn about the significance of what water means to our state. Along the way, they are being built to become impactful leaders and purveyors of stewardship in managing water for future generations.

The Nebraska Water Leaders Academy is supported through the Water Futures Partnership-Nebraska, a 501(c)(3) organization formed by the NSIA. Currently, efforts are underway by the Partnership to ensure the Academy's financial stability far into the future.

The NSIA also was the driving force behind an irrigation infrastructure bill sponsored by Sen. Bruce Bostelman of Brainard with valuable support from former Sen. John Stinner of Scottsbluff, then chairman of the Appropriations Committee. The original bill sought an investment of \$50 million for infrastructure repair and/or replacement primarily for smaller irrigation projects in Nebraska.

Originally the infrastructure funds were part of Sen. Bostelman's LB1074, but the funds were later incorporated into the 2022 mainline budget bill and approved by the Legislature.

The legislation established the Surface Water Infrastructure Fund, a one-time transfer of \$50 million to be used for repair or construction of any head gate, flume, diversion structure, check valve, or any other physical structure used for irrigation projects. The NSIA worked closely with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources to establish criteria for awarding grants to irrigation projects, which must provide matching funds equal to 10% of the amount awarded for such project.

Several irrigation projects have already utilized the funds to make critical repairs and improvements to infrastructure to ensure the projects' benefits continue far into the future. Work continues, particularly through the efforts of Orton and NSIA board members LeRoy Sievers and Mike Placke, to ensure that irrigation projects can avail themselves of this opportunity to improve their infrastructure.

For more than 100 years, the NSIA's efforts have focused on new irrigation technology; water law, policy and regulations; the history of water use in the state; and methods for improving the efficiency of irrigating our crops. Unchanged over those years is an overriding commitment to improving knowledge about irrigation and its importance to the State of Nebraska.

In closing, words spoken by State Senator J.S. Hoagland at an NSIA irrigation meeting in 1896 still ring true today.

"This history of our association shows a grand work; a work that benefits not only those who are actively engaged in irrigation farming, but the preacher, the doctor, the lawyer, the merchant, the wage earner, all receive some benefit by and through an increased prosperity which comes to our citizens through an increase in the yield of food products by irrigation enterprise."

On behalf of the NSIA's board of directors, we hope that you enjoy this new publication and that you will gain a greater appreciation for our predecessors who worked so hard to establish Nebraska as a state that has benefitted immensely through the wise use and stewardship of its water resources.

Jeff Buettner
President, NSIA Board of Directors



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Message from the Executive Director

Greetings to a new publication of the Nebraska State Irrigation Association. Your Association hopes that this magazine will be a regular means to keep our Nebraska irrigation industry informed about news and information useful to us all.

Special thanks to the contributors and to our community of suppliers and consultants who are supporting this magazine with their financial help.

We would like to have your comments and suggestions for where this newsletter should place its emphasis and for suggestions of stories to include.

Finally, as members of the irrigation community, each of you are invited to join the annual convention and trade show, the 2024 Nebraska Water Industries program, at their meeting in Kearney for a special day dedicated to your interests on February 14, 2024. Registration for that special day is included in this issue of the magazine. Hope to see you!

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We will have 3 hrs of classes, specifically for Irrigation Districts that you may attend, but there will be three other tracks going on at the same time. Those classes are also open to you if you are interested. The Trade Show in progress may also be of interest and open to your attendance!

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Name: _____

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Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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☐ Per Person registering \$99 \$ _____

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