



News Release

(HOLDREGE, Neb.) -- The Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce will recognize Central's General Manager Don Kraus as the 2014 "Friend of Ag" award recipient.

Kraus has been employed by the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District for 38 years and has been the general manager since 1992. During his time at Central, Kraus has helped guide Central through a federal relicensing process for their hydroelectric project. Kraus was also involved in the development of the Platte River Recovery Implementaion Program, which implements water management practices for the Platte River to sustain a more desirable ecosystem.

During these two processes, Kraus -- and Central's board of directors and staff -- worked to protect surface water rights for Central's irrigation customers and to ensure that the groundwater recharge benefits that result from operation of Central's hydro-irrigation process continue to benefit the area's agricultural producers into the future.

Kraus was also instrumental in launching an engineering study that provided a more complete understanding of the "groundwater mound" beneath and adjacent to Central's service area that will help facilitate management and operational decisions regarding Central's project as they pertain to sustaining water supplies in the area.

These efforts also provide benefits for others who depend upon water, including municipal and domestic water users, wetlands and wildlife habitat, recreation and hydroelectric generation.

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