

Division of Facilities



Newsletter



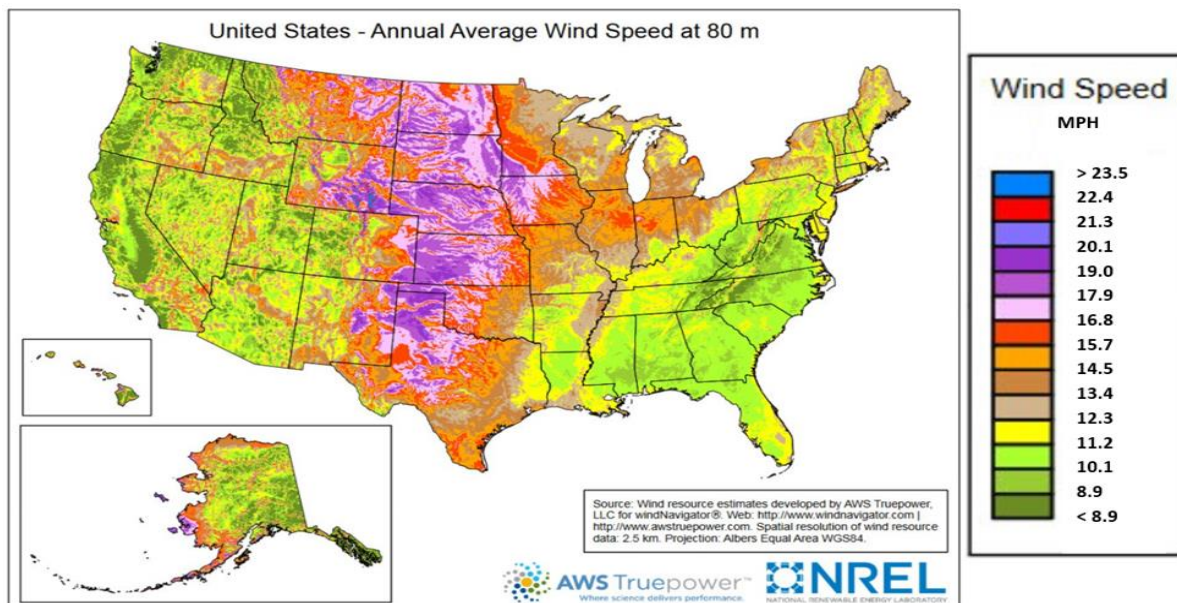
WIND POWER

By Gary Weishaar, Energy Engineer

The wind blows in Kansas.

If you grew up in Western Kansas, you probably know that better than most. There is substantial data to confirm that statement, and state leaders are making the most of it. Over the last several years, you may have seen massive wind turbines transported on trucks or installed all over the state. Wind energy is a clean fuel source. It doesn't pollute the air like power sources that rely on the combustion of fossil fuels like coal or gas.

According to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Kansas has the second highest potential capacity for wind power behind Texas. Sitting squarely in the center of America's wind tunnel (see purple area on map), Kansas has led the nation over the past decade in all measured categories of scaling up renewable electricity generation.



So why doesn't **K-State** take advantage of this abundant commodity? The short answer is that the cost of instituting the change combined with other competing institutional needs would make that a challenge. K-State could feasibly install utility scale wind turbines to generate approximately half of the Campus' power needs, but electricity is needed even on calm days when the wind isn't blowing. In addition, the estimated cost for installation would be in the range of \$25 million along with maintenance and operation expenses that would average around \$75 thousand per year.



While installing our own turbines isn't feasible at this time, another option would provide access to competitively priced renewable energy through a new program offered by Westar Energy. Under this program, known as the **Renewables Direct program**, **K-State's** main campus will receive approximately

50 percent of its current electrical load at a fixed price for 20 years. The energy will be provided by a new 300-megawatt wind farm being built in northern Kansas and is scheduled to be on line in 2020. K-State is one of 14 Kansas organizations that will receive electricity from the wind farm. The anticipated savings for utilizing this program will be approximately \$180,000 to \$200,000 annually.

"We are excited about this innovative approach to use energy to help Kansas State University become more sustainable and save energy costs. Sustainability planning is one of the key components of our K-State 2025 plan to become a top 50 public research university by 2025.

As a public land-grant university, K-State has a role to address the sustainability challenges of our time and this agreement is a step in the right direction..."

Cindy Bontrager, Vice President for Admin & Finance

K-State has worked aggressively to lower its energy usage over the past several years and the work has paid off. KSU has seen a net decrease of both energy usage and expense during simultaneous growth in building space. The Renewables Direct program is just one example of how that has been accomplished.

"We applaud K-State's commitment to sustainable energy solutions. Renewables Direct provides cost-effective access to Kansas' excellent wind energy resources. We appreciate K-State's role in making the introduction of Westar's new program a success."

**Chuck Caisley, Senior VP, Public Affairs & Marketing
Chief Customer Officer, Westar Energy**

Welcome To Our TEAM!

The Division of Facilities is always excited to welcome new employees to our Facilities Team. It takes a lot of People-Power to keep our campus running smoothly so we are glad YOU'RE HERE!



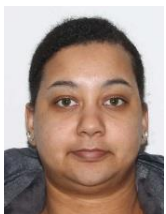
Ronald Banks was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
He is working for Steve Greinke.

Patrick O'Neill was hired as a Landscape Tech I.
He is working for Mark Fronce.



Jessica Ott was hired as a Project Manager.
She is working for Diana Hutchison.

Lawrence Davis was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
He is working for Quentin Rawlins.



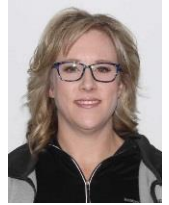
Janan Walker was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
She is working for Mary Grubbs.

Rosanna Carvalho was hired as an Arch Eng Project Manager.
She is working for Diana Hutchison.





Raymond Fahrny was hired as a Maintenance & Repair Tech.
He is working for Mike Paph.



Shannon Ruder was hired as a Supply Specialist.
She is working for Carla Bishop.



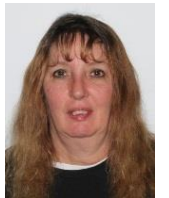
Beverly Saunders was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
She is working for Mary Grubbs.



Aaron Burger was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
He is working for Quentin Rawlins.



Christine Blau was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
She is working for Steve Greinke.



Angel Brown was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
She is working for Steve Greinke.



Adam Miller was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
He is working for Beverly Price.



Faith Bliss was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
She is working for Thomas O'Briant.



Linda Craghead was hired as Director of Custodial Services.
She is working for Casey Lauer.

Terry Sprecker was hired as Landscape Tech I.
He is working for Mark Fronce.



Durga Prasad Sarilla was hired as a Systems Analyst.
He is working for Gary Weishaar.



On The Move!



Congratulations to **Stephanie Brecheisen** who was promoted to Custodial Manager! She is working for Linda Craghead.



Congratulations to **Darrin Dohrman** who was promoted to Interim Grounds Maintenance Manager! He is working for Casey Lauer.

Many Thanks!..

- ... to **Ryan Holle** for his many years of service in project management! The Planning department threw him a surprise “Thank You” party on Wednesday afternoon, March 20th



- ... to **Jason Glessner** for all the great work he's done for the **Global Campus Building!**



“Recently, in the Global Campus building, we’ve had several facilities requests due to some staff moves in the building. Whatever type of request it has been, from moving a large wall shelf to repairing and/or painting a wall, Jason has always been very responsive and attentive to detail. Several staff have commented on what a great job he does and how he is willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done. He is a great asset to the Facilities department!”

**Harry Williamson, K-State Global Campus
Director of Administration & Finance**



KUDOS!...

- ... to **THE GROUNDS DEPARTMENT** for all the work they did (rain or shine) to make campus look great for Open House!

Randall Hobbs bundles up to mow despite the sudden drop in temperature the week before K-State's Open House.



- ... to **THE CONSTRUCTION CREW** for all their hard work keeping our streets cleared and salted over a very *harsh* winter!

Don Engelken
Charlie Kranz
John Silva

Skip Davis
Paul Woodyard
Dan Engelbert
Dan Plummer

Kirk Norris
Larry Booker
Larry Melton



- ... to **CHRIS SLATTERY** (Custodial Specialist) for being selected to receive the



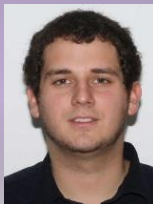
**USS Opportunity Fund
Meritorious Service Award!**

- ... to **MARLA CAIN** (Custodial Specialist) for being selected to receive the



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- ... to **BRANDON WEBER** (HVAC Tech, Vet Med) for being selected as



VP of Administration & Finance
USS Employee of the Year!

- ... to all **DIVISION OF FACILITIES EMPLOYEES** who were nominated for the USS "Employee of The Year"!

CHAZS JACKSON!

GRETCHEN JOHNSON!

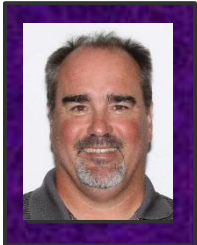
DON ENGELKEN!

MARLA CAIN!

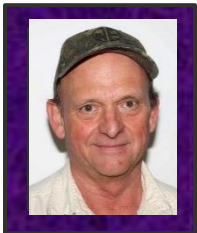
JOE ALTER!

Happy Retirement!

Congratulations to those in our Facilities Family who have recently reached that beautiful season of life called, "retirement"! We are grateful for your valued years of service and wish you all the best as you begin this next chapter in your life!



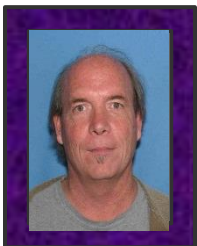
Ryan Holle began working for K-State in the Construction Shop in 1989. He was promoted to Project Manager in Planning 2011. He is retiring after almost 30 years with K-State. **Congrats Ryan!**



Lynn Schwandt began working for K-State in 1994 in the HVAC Shop and was later promoted HVAC Shop Supervisor in 1999. He took on the position of Small Project Coordinator in Planning until accepting the position of Maintenance Supervisor at Vet Med in 2014. **Congrats Lynn!**



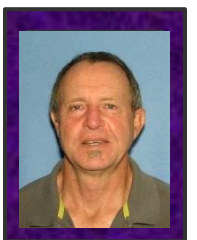
Peggy Grater began her K-State career as an Office Specialist in the Motor Pool in 1991. She was promoted to Administrative Specialist in 2001, Administrative Officer in 2003, and Motor Pool Manager in 2017. **Congrats Peggy!**



Joe Myers has served in the Landscape and Grounds division of K-State for 28 years. He began his wildcat journey as a Plant Science Technician in 1998 and then promoted to Grounds Maintenance Supervisor in 2002, Physical Plant Supervisor in 2017 and Grounds Manager in 2018. **Congrats Joe!**



Donnie Silva is retiring after 20 years with K-State Facilities. He began his career as a Utility Worker in 1998 and was promoted to Equipment Operator in 2000. **Congrats Donnie!**



Mike (James) Schooler has worked for K-State more than 16 years. He started in 2002 as a GMRT in Building Maintenance, and has accepted positions at BRI and the Power Plant. **Congrats Mike!**

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 3RD – ROBERT ODLE & AMY MAHAN

APRIL 10TH – LARRY MELTON

APRIL 12TH – HEATH LARSON

APRIL 13TH – WENDY SCHLESENER & DEVIN ARGO

APRIL 14TH – JAMES UKENA

APRIL 15TH – GEORGE WALTERS III

APRIL 16TH – JAMES (MIKE) SCHOOLER & KI SUH

APRIL 18TH – JUSTIN BAUER, ZUNILDA DOMINGUEZ &
COREY DAVIS

APRIL 26TH – JOSEPH ALTER & NATHANIEL SETTLE

APRIL 28TH – LARRY GLINIECKI

APRIL 29TH – JAVIER LOPEZ RIVERA & ART SIAS II

APRIL 30TH – CHARITA FALLEY, ISAAC PETERSON &
HANNA GREENSLATE



MAY BIRTHDAYS

MAY 1 – GLORIA LOBERG & MARY WILLOUGHBY

MAY 4TH – NATHANIEL HARSTINE & MICHAEL SEYMOUR

MAY 5TH – GALEN HAGEMAN, & SUNNY SMITH

MAY 6TH – BRENT KOLTERMAN

MAY 11TH – MATTHEW KOCH, & PAMELA NEWMAN

MAY 12TH – RICHARD SMITH

MAY 16TH – PAT BOSS, RANDALL HOBBS & JAY REYNARD

MAY 17TH – PENNY BUCHMAN

MAY 18TH – REMY MARTIN

MAY 19TH – JANAE JONES & JAYME SWIFT

MAY 20TH – JOSIAH HALL

MAY 21ST – RANDALL LINDSTROM

MAY 22ND – DIANA HUTCHISON

MAY 27TH – MARK GABRIEL DE LOS REYES

