

# Presenter Bios

## **Alan Jackson**

Alan Jackson is a third generation native of eastern Idaho where he grew up in the bustling metropolis of Pingree. After earning a BS in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Idaho he spent several years working in irrigation throughout the western United States including Oregon, Washington, California, and Arizona. He has experience working in a professional capacity on large farming operations both as an employee and as a consultant where he was involved in irrigation system management, design, and optimization. Using this experience, he was hired as a water conservation coordinator with the Bureau of Reclamation in Yuma, AZ where he worked with all of the irrigation districts and ag water users on the lower Colorado River from Hoover Dam to the Mexican border. In this work he gained a first-hand knowledge of the incredible productivity and complex politics of the Colorado River. After leaving Reclamation he worked for an international company specializing in canal automation technology where he learned that modern technology is wasted if it is simply used to make it easier to do things the same way they've always been done. After 15 years of working in the water resources industry he was given the opportunity in 2017 to come full circle back to his roots to manage the Bingham Ground Water District serving groundwater users in the Blackfoot area. In this capacity he has tried to understand and educate about the nature of the aquifer that is so vital to every person in eastern Idaho and how best to preserve, enhance, and benefit from this critical resource.

Alan is fortunate to have been married for nearly 25 years to a patient woman who has been beside him living in 9 different cities, in 4 different states, moving all of their earthly possessions too many times to count (although she will give you the exact number if you ask) and raising 3 wonderful children. In his spare time Alan does not enjoy singing but he does enjoy listening to various 90's country music artists including George Strait, Vince Gill, Clint Black, Garth Brooks, etc.

## **Dan Davidson**

Mr. Davidson is the manager of Minidoka Irrigation District, a position he has held since 2012. He is the past president of the Idaho Water Users Association and is currently a board member of the National Water Resources Association as a representative for Idaho. Before his current position at MID, he managed Bear River Canal Company in northern Utah from 2003 to 2012. During his time in Utah, he served as a board member and first vice president of the Utah Water Users Association. Prior to that, he worked at Snake River Valley Irrigation District from 1998 to 2003. He began his career in the water industry dragging siphon tubes and chasing cows for his father-in-law in Firth.

Mr. Davidson has an Associate degree in Accounting and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management. He was a combat engineer for eight years and a graduate of both the Primary Leadership Development Course and the Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course. He has been married to his high school sweetheart for thirty-two years and they have three adult children and two grandchildren. In his spare time, you can find him on a mountain trail or at a river fishing.

### **Gary Spackman**

Gary was raised on a small dairy farm. Throughout his career he has mastered the art of building a square haystack that won't fall down in the winter and building a straight barbed wire fence. He has often drawn the night irrigation shift because he can always wake up to change the water and can find a leaking gopher hold in a ditch with a shovel in the dark. He currently utilizes his skillset as the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

### **Jerry Rigby**

Jerry Rigby is a managing member at the firm Rigby, Andrus & Rigby Law, PLLC in Rexburg, Idaho and is a recognized expert in water law. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from BYU Provo and a JD Degree from J. Reuben Clark Law School, BYU Provo and has practiced in Rexburg since 1979; much of that time representing some of Idaho's largest water users. Additionally, Idaho's governors have appointed him to represent Idaho water users on the Idaho State Water Board and various other boards and committees. He presently serves as Idaho's delegate to the Western States Water Council.

Jerry is married to the former Shelly Parker of St. Anthony, Idaho. Shelly & Jerry have five sons and one daughter. He presently spends a great deal of time working in the post Snake River Basin Adjudication on individual claims & objections to transfer of claims or impacts to decreed water rights, both surface and ground.

### **Brian Olmstead**

Brian was raised on the family farm and ranch south of Twin Falls, Idaho where he graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1970 and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science from Utah State University. He farmed and ranched from 1975-1999 and began a career with Twin Falls Canal Company as a Field Supervisor in 2000. In 2008 he was promoted to General Manager until his retirement in 2021.

In July 2021 Governor Little appointed Brian to the Idaho Water Resource Board where he currently serves. Brian and his wife Stephanie have raised three grown daughters and reside on their farm south of Twin Falls.

## **Angie Slaughter**

Angie Slaughter is a VP of Agriculture and RAU Sustainability & Procurement at Anheuser-Busch. During Angie's time with the company – spanning over 25 years – she has held several roles within operations, sustainability and procurement dedicated to driving transformational change for the country's biggest brewer.

Angie is currently responsible for sourcing of agricultural products and commodities in the U.S. and Canada including barley, rice, and hops with 700+ direct growers. She leads a broad team responsible for category management and procurement of all the raw materials needed to produce more than 91 million barrels of beer each year. Her team also manages all utilities needed for the business including water, energy, and renewables.

Angie's passion for the environment has completely transformed how America's leading brewer approaches sustainability. Beginning her career in environmental engineering, her dedication and commitment has allowed her to rise through Anheuser-Busch and lead many of the company's most impactful sustainability initiatives including the launch of the company's 2025 Sustainability Goals and the ambition towards Net Zero by 2040.

Angie received her Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering and Master's Degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Illinois and is a licensed Professional Engineer.