

## Meet Ken Widhalm, ARRA Circuit Rider

My name is Kenneth (Ken) Widhalm. My wife, Coletta, and I live in Dodge, NE. We have 5 children and 6 grandchildren.

I like hunting and fishing whenever it works out. My wife and I both like camping.

I was a 40 year member of the Dodge Volunteer Fire Department and a 37 year member of the Dodge Rescue Squad until I retired in 2005.

I was formerly employed as Superintendent of Utilities from March 1971 to September 2002 for Dodge. Then I went to work for PeopleService Inc. through September of 2008. I have had approximately 37 years in the water/wastewater field. I have had many experiences that I could share.

I have retired a couple times but I am willing to try something new and interesting so here I am as the new ARRA Circuit Rider for NeRWA. I started the first of April, 2010. It has been an enjoyable position so far. The hardest part has been learning how to use my computer but it is coming along with help.

I have had the opportunity to meet several new people out in the State and hope to meet a lot more of you. I enjoy talking about the different services that NeRWA can provide to possibly help you with a task or problem. Also, I have been introducing the NeWARN system, which many of you are aware of and some of you have joined. It's a good deal. Check it out.

There is some grant money available from USDA. If your system is in need of this financial help, call and we can help see if you qualify for the grant money and help get the ball rolling if you are.

Here at NeRWA we have several avenues of assistance, all you have to do is give us a call and we will do our best to serve your system to the best of our knowledge.

Hope to see as many of you as I can.