

East Dakota Water Development District Board Member:



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Director since 2015

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Director Weatherly's interest in water management and conservation began with her folks; Leif and Leona Johansen, Minnesota livestock and grain producers. Her interest grew after watching 'Knee Deep', A PBS documentary about citizens cleaning up a stream used for urban drinking water. "I realized how vital citizen actions are needed, both individually and collectively, to preserve and protect water resources now and for future generations. Each generation is entrusted to use natural resources responsibly while ensuring the viability of fresh water for future generations."

Director Weatherly taught students for 32 years in Minnesota and South Dakota before retiring from the Flandreau Public School District. Janelle holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics Education and a Masters degree in Educational Leadership for Elementary Education Administration and for Secondary Education Administration; all from South Dakota State University (SDSU). For nearly twenty years Janelle was a classroom supervisor/mentor with the SDSU Teacher Educator PS Program I, II, and III. Various honors given to Janelle while teaching, advising, and mentoring students included FPS and South Dakota AFCS Teacher of the Year Awards, USA Weekend Tri-State Area "Make a Difference Day" Award for Flandreau FCCLA's Breadbasket Project, recognition of her leadership in Flandreau's High School Career Tech Prep Program, SDATFACS Award of Merit, and the Mike Garnos Outstanding Graduate Student in Educational Administration Award from SDSU. She held various offices such as secretary, editor, and president for SD Association of Teachers of Family & Consumer Sciences (SDATFACS) and SD Association of Family Consumer Sciences (SDAFCS) while maintaining national AFCS certification throughout her teaching career.

As a lifelong learner and teacher of life skills, Weatherly hopes to encourage innovative solutions for the ongoing challenges of protecting, using, and preserving clean water. She enjoys being involved with change because life never stops teaching. "No man ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and he's not the same man. Change is the only constant in life." ~ *Heraclitus*

Janelle and husband Cal raised three children in Moody County. Janelle is active in her church as song leader, HS Sunday School teacher, substitute administrative assistant, and parish conference representative. Her hobbies include landscape painting, designing & crafting, gardening, quilting, cooking, reading, hiking, and camping.