

2019 Drainage School

Speaker Biography

Scott Pelath

Exec. Director-Kankakee River & Yellow River Basin Dev. Comm.

After twenty years of service as an Indiana state representative, Scott D. Pelath took over as Executive Director of the Kankakee River Basin Commission in January 2019. Beginning in July, he then shepherded the panel's transition into the Kankakee River Basin and Yellow River Basin Development Commission, which is tasked with solving nearly a century of water management issues in Northwest Indiana. As a longtime lawmaker and policy leader, he sponsored the Great Lakes Water Use Compact, which now has the force of law in every Great Lakes state and Canadian province. He formerly served on the staff of U.S. Representative Tim Roemer, and is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, the Indiana University Army ROTC Program, and the Armor Officer Basic Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

