Local County Gains New Commissioner

(KAIR)--A former Leavenworth County commissioner will be returning to the board.

According to a news release from Leavenworth County Republican Party Chairman Rett Rogers, Republican precinct members from the 2nd District Thursday evening selected Louis Klemp to fill the unexpired term of longtime commissioner Clyde Graeber.

Graeber, a Republican, recently resigned due to health reason after serving 13 years on the Commission.

Klemp's name will now be forwarded to Governor Sam Brownback for appointment. The appointment will last through the 2018 general election when voters from the 2nd District will elect someone to serve the remaining two years of Graeber's term.

Rogers said in the release that Klemp was among three candidates nominated to fill the vacancy and was selected by a majority of the delegates on a third ballot.

Klemp previously served two terms on the Commission. He ran for the 2nd District seat last year but lost to Graeber in the Republican primary.

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