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## **Toho Water Authority Board Welcomes Dave Askew**

**Kissimmee, Fla. (Jan. 24, 2023)** — Toho Water Authority (Toho) welcomes new Board member, Dave Askew. Askew is a voting member approved by the St. Cloud City Council to join the Board of Supervisors following the transition of operation and management of the St. Cloud utility system from the City to Toho last fall.

In 1998, as a senior animal care specialist, Dave Askew helped plan, train and orchestrate Walt Disney's first free flighted bird show. Later, as Operations Manager, he was key in the opening of Disney's Animal Kingdom, focusing on Disney's largest and longest ride: Kilimanjaro Safaris. Recruited by the Indianapolis Zoo as Director of Park Operations, he was responsible for opening the White River Gardens and running the zoo. With his three children growing up rapidly, Dave decided to become a stay at home father. While his children were at school, he apprenticed himself to a master jeweler. He opened Askew Jewelers in 2009 where he still designs and repairs fine jewelry. Askew also had the honor of being elected to the St. Cloud City Council Seat 5 between 2014 and 2022.

To learn more about Toho and its Board of Supervisors please visit <https://www.tohowater.com/board-supervisors>.

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**About Toho:** Toho Water Authority (Toho) is the largest provider of water, wastewater and reclaimed water services in Osceola County. Formed in 2003 by a special act by the Florida Legislature, it currently serves over 150,000 customers in St. Cloud, Kissimmee, Poinciana and unincorporated areas of Osceola, Polk and Orange counties. Toho currently operates 17 water treatment facilities and nine wastewater treatment facilities with the purpose of providing efficient and reliable water services. Toho has positioned itself as a respected leader in water, a valued community partner and an employer of choice.