



MEET THE TEAM

WELD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

JAY McDONALD, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS



It was 4:00 a.m. on the third morning of continuous rain in 2013 and Jay McDonald realized Weld County was on the cusp of a natural disaster. However, he did not panic because he knew the county would be able to quickly and decisively respond to any flood damage due to years of training and preparation for disaster relief. "Having that realization was my most memorable moment so far as an employee of Weld County Government," said McDonald.

During the 2013 flood, McDonald was the Supervisor over the Trucking and Mining Division, which was essential to the quick and professional response of road maintenance crews during and after the flood. In May of 2014, he was promoted to the Director of Public Works. McDonald has worked in county government for 30 years and has held many different positions, all of which he attributes to his preparedness for his current job. He not only manages the

day-to-day Public Works operations but also ensures the department is following the direction set by the Board of County Commissioners, reviews recommendations and progress reports, and offers advice to the engineers and project managers.

Currently, McDonald and his staff at Public Works is making progress on the county's largest road construction projects to date: the WCR 49 Parkway and the WCR 49 Corridor. "These projects are the culmination of many years of planning for future generations," said McDonald. "The ability to move people and commerce quickly, safely, and efficiently is our goal for WCR 49. I am proud to be a part of this project." When he is not managing the maintenance of county roads, McDonald enjoys spending time with his wife of 40 years, Nancy. He also boasts about his two sons and their wives, and five beautiful granddaughters between the two families.



"As public employees, we meet challenges and solve problems to make life better for residents and the traveling public," said McDonald. "It is exciting to be a part of projects that will last beyond our lifetime and will be a great benefit for many years to come."

