

Kurt devoted his entire 37-year professional career to the public sector serving the last 16 years as the Director of Public Works for the City of Eugene. Previously, he served as Director of Public Works for the City of Billings, MT; Assistant City Engineer for the City of The Dalles, OR; and a Civil Engineer for the Montana Department of Transportation.

Kurt was an active member of the American Public Works Association (APWA) which in 2006, named him one of its top ten leaders in the nation. The following year, he served as president of the state's chapter of the association. In 2010, he received the chapter's highest honor, the Bowes Award. He was passionate about excellent service delivery, and in 2004 he championed APWA's accreditation of Eugene Public Works, one of the first public agencies in the nation to earn this recognition.

Throughout his entire life, Kurt gave tirelessly to his community. Kurt loved sports and was a basketball and football official for 38 years and in 2016 was awarded the Oregon Athletic Officials Association's Football Official of the Year. He was also active in his church, Emmaus Lutheran, and a long-time member of the Rotary Club of Eugene and Rotary International. Most of all Kurt had a deep sense of caring for others. Simply put, Kurt made a difference - to his community, his colleagues, and his friends.