Nashville, Tennessee, June 14, 2022 — Steve Rentfrow, former general manager of the Crisp County Power Commission in Cordele, Georgia, received the James D. Donovan Individual Achievement Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the electric utility industry and to public power.

Steve has spent nearly half a century working in the electric utility industry, with 45 of those years dedicated to public power. He started at the commission as a project engineer before being promoted to manager of engineering and later becoming general manager in 1994. Steve currently serves on the MEAG Power Board of Directors. Among his most significant accomplishments at the helm of the commission were leading the reconstruction efforts after Tropical Storm Alberto in 1994, which caused $8 million of damage to the county’s hydro facility, and leading recovery efforts from Hurricane Michael in 2018. Steve recently completed a term on APPA’s Board of Directors after many years of service.

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