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**City of Minneapolis City Clerk and Administrator receives national award**

**Seattle, Washington, June 20, 2023** — Barry Hodges, City Clerk and Administrator for the City of Minneapolis, Kansas, received the Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in Seattle, Washington. The award recognizes managers of small utilities serving fewer than 2,500 meters. These managers have a very small staff and must assume multiple roles. The seven hats they must wear are: planning and design, administration, public relations, field supervision, accounting, human resources, and community leadership.

Barry has served as the City Clerk and Administrator for the City of Minneapolis, Kansas, since 2005. In his 18-year tenure, he has been instrumental in the design of generation and distribution projects for the city, including a 5.1 megawatt-hour battery storage facility put into service in 2022. Barry also oversees the city’s other utilities, public works, and economic development efforts. Moreover, he manages all Minneapolis city staff, which means he is involved in all aspects of the city’s administration, from emergency medical services to the community library. Barry is a member of the Kansas Municipal Utilities Board of Directors, serving as President from 2021-2022, and was a driving force in the founding and development of the Kansas Power Pool (now KPP Energy), serving on its Board of Directors from 2010-2018 and as its President in 2013.

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