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**City of Shelbina City Superintendent receives national award**

**Seattle, Washington, June 20, 2023** — Dennis Klusmeyer, City Superintendent for the City of Shelbina, Missouri, 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.

Dennis has served as City Superintendent for the City of Shelbina, Missouri, since 1998. He has overseen large-scale projects, including the design and reconstruction of Shelbina’s substations and replacement of generators at its power plant, as well as the installation of miles of additional water, sewer, and gas lines. He oversees five city departments and is responsible for all aspects of budget preparation, cost analysis, and rate setting for the city’s utilities. Recently, he successfully advocated for and oversaw a $1.2 million upgrade to the city’s sewer plant without incurring debt for citizens. Dennis has served for 24 years on the Boards of Directors for utility organizations that comprise the Missouri Public Utility Alliance, in addition to serving on the board of the MPUA Resource Services Corporation.

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