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Darlington Municipal Utilities electric superintendent receives national award

Nashville, Tennessee, June 14, 2022 — Brian Mullen, electric superintendent at Darlington Municipal Utilities in Darlington, Indiana, received the Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award during the American Public Power Association's National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. 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.

In his role, Brian is the immediate supervisor of several town employees and effectively plans, directs, and coordinates a variety of administrative functions for Darlington. He can almost always be found out in the field working alongside utility employees plowing snow, repairing utility lines, and patching the town's streets. Brian also sits on the Indiana Municipal Power Agency's (IMPA) Board of Commissioners, advocating for small public power communities and helping to ensure that rates remain low and member services continue to be a focal point of IMPA's mission. His team-oriented attitude and hard work ethic create a positive work environment in Darlington.

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