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### **Village of Lucas Electric Utilities village administrator receives national award**

**Orlando, Florida, June 22, 2021** — Tim Stallard, village administrator for the Village of Lucas Electric Utilities in Lucas, Ohio, received the Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award during the American Public Power Association's National Conference in Orlando, Florida. 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.

Tim has served the village of Lucas for 27 years. He has been instrumental in the planning and design process of a number of village improvement projects. He recently oversaw an upgrade project involving the installation of new poles and wires at the village's schools. Tim is known for his transparency and availability to the public, making himself available to answer questions and address issues from residents. He frequently steps into other roles as needed, such as personally answering after-hours emergency water and electric utility calls, filling in for the village's meter reader, and covering the village office's front desk and phones. From joining maintenance crews during emergency events to helping out when they are shorthanded, he can be counted on to work side-by-side with his employees.

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