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City of Hillsboro city administrator receives national award

Austin, Texas, June 11, 2019 — Larry Paine, City Administrator at the City of Hillsboro, Kansas, received the Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award at the American Public Power Association's national conference in Austin, Texas. This 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.

Paine oversees planning, design, and finances for electric, water, and wastewater utilities. He has been City Administrator for the City of Hillsboro, Kansas for almost 12 years. He is an outstanding leader in his community and supported the construction of a brand-new hospital in the rural Kansas community. Before coming to Hillsboro, Paine was city administrator of other small communities in Kansas and beyond. He is considered one of the "deans" of the city administrator community in Kansas. He was elected 2018-2019 president of Kansas Municipal Utilities, the state's public power association.

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