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### **Flora Utilities utility supervisor receives national award**

**Austin, Texas, June 11, 2019** — Ronald Fritz, Utility Supervisor for Flora Utilities in Bringhurst, Indiana, 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.

Fritz is responsible for managing all planning and design for four utilities — electric, water, wastewater, and streets. He has planned a variety of projects to upgrade the town's utility system and better serve the community of 2,000 people. Fritz is a well-known figure in his community and represents Flora at the state level. He serves on the Indiana Municipal Power Agency's Board of Commissioners, advocating for small public power communities. Fritz is known amongst his employees for leading by example.

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