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## City of Bushnell city manager and financial director receives national award

**Austin, Texas, June 11, 2019** — Jody Young, City Administrator and Financial Director for the City of Bushnell, 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.

After the sudden death of her predecessor, Young took the initiative to learn everything she could about negotiations, contracts, engineering plans, and territory maps to understand what needed to be accomplished at the utility. She meets monthly with the county administrator and other county managers to understand local concerns and to work towards a plan that will be beneficial to all residents. Young is also active with the Florida Municipal Power Agency, serving as Bushnell's representative on its board of directors.

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