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**Village of Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin Director of Public Works receives national award**

**New Orleans, Louisiana, June 10, 2025** — Troy Murphy, Director of Public Works Utilities for the Village of Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, received the Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. 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.

Troy started in the Village of Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, as an apprentice line technician in 1997. After years of excelling in his position, he became the Director of Public Works Utilities in 2016. During his tenure, the village has seen tremendous growth, making significant upgrades in system redundancy and reliability. Troy has led projects including Advanced Metering Infrastructure implementation, full LED streetlight conversion, and a microgrid study at the Sauk Prairie Police Station. Troy is involved in numerous WPPI Energy working groups, such as the Electric Vehicle Working Group, System Voltage Working Group, and Tech Suite User Group. He has consistently advocated for the joint action model, stepped up to collaborate with new managers on their acclimation to WPPI Energy, and supported national mutual aid efforts, sending crews to assist with Hurricane Milton in 2024. He has been recognized for his hard work in the past, receiving the WPPI Energy Shining Star Award and Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin’s Safety Achievement Award.

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