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**Lakota Municipal Utilities Auditor receives national award**

**New Orleans, Louisiana, June 10, 2025** — Amie Vasichek, Auditor for Lakota Municipal Utilities, 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.

Amie has served Lakota Municipal Utilities in North Dakota for 15 years. During that time, she has devoted countless hours to improving the quality of life for the approximately 650 residents. Her service extends to a wide range of boards, organizations, and civic groups such as the Nelson County Job Development Authority, Nelson County Health Board, and Red River Regional Charitable Housing Development Organization. When the housing organization sent out a request for proposals to communities for a spark housing pilot project, she had the first and most in-depth proposal submitted, allowing new homes to be built for the first time in over 10 years. Amie serves as the president of the North Dakota Municipal Power Agency and vice president of the North Dakota Association of Municipal Power Systems.

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