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Ex-Officio to the Bryan Texas Utilities Board of Directors receives American Public Power Association's public official award

Orlando, Florida, June 22, 2021 — Jason Bienski, ex-officio member of the Bryan Texas Utilities Board of Directors in Bryan, Texas, received the Spence Vanderlinden Public Official Award during the American Public Power Association's National Conference in Orlando, Florida. The award recognizes elected or appointed local officials who have contributed to the goals of the American Public Power Association (APPA).

Jason has been involved in public power policy making for more than 15 years. He was first elected to the Bryan City Council in May 2005 and was appointed mayor pro tempore in 2007. He served in this position for three years prior to being elected as mayor in 2010. Jason served two consecutive terms as mayor from May 2010 through November 2016. After term limiting off the Bryan City Council, Jason was appointed as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Bryan Texas Utilities Board in 2017. In 2018, he was selected to serve on APPA's Policy Makers Council representing Region Four comprised of representatives from Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. In this position, he promotes public power's mission and goals by conversing with federal congressional representatives and staff regarding critical industry issues. He has been a champion for public power at all levels throughout his public service career.

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