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Huntsville Utilities Electric Board Chair receives American Public Power Association's public official award

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 9, 2020 — Ronald (Ronnie) Boles, chair of the Electric Board at Huntsville Utilities in Huntsville, Alabama, received the Spence Vanderlinden Public Official Award during the American Public Power Association's Public Power Connect: Virtual Summit & Business Meeting. The award recognizes elected or appointed local officials who have contributed to the goals of the American Public Power Association.

Ronnie has been providing positive leadership in the electric utility industry for more than 38 years. He began his tenure as a member of the Huntsville Utilities Electric Board in 1981, and since that time he has been deeply committed to public power. Ronnie actively engages with federal, state and locally elected officials to ensure they understand the critical importance of public power and how it continues to benefit the economic development of the greater Huntsville/Madison County community. He has held leadership positions on a national level including serving on APPA's Board of Directors for seven years. Ronnie also serves as an advisor to local career technical schools and community colleges. He is active on committees including the National Association of Manufacturers, the Business Council of Alabama, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Ronnie is an outspoken advocate for public power and has lived a life of service for the betterment of his community.

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