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Burlington, Kansas mayor receives American Public Power Association's public official award

**Nashville, Tennessee, June 14, 2022** — Stan Luke, mayor of Burlington, Kansas, received the Spence Vanderlinden Public Official Award during the American Public Power Association's National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The award recognizes elected or appointed local officials who have contributed to the goals of the American Public Power Association (APPA).

Mayor Luke has served more than 15 years as an elected official, including eight years on the City Council of Burlington before being elected twice as the city's mayor. He also served on the board of directors for the Kansas Power Pool. Mayor Luke has provided critical testimony on behalf of public power to both Congress and the Kansas State Legislature. He is currently chair of APPA's Policy Makers Council and, since joining the council, has regularly attended APPA's Legislative Rally, National Conference, and the Policy Makers Council summer fly-in.

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