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**Council President of Evansville, Wisconsin receives American Public Power Association’s public official award**

**New Orleans, Louisiana, June 10, 2025** — Jim Brooks, Council President of Evansville, Wisconsin, received the Spence Vanderlinden Public Official Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. The award recognizes elected or appointed local officials who have contributed to the goals of the American Public Power Association (APPA).

Jim supports Evansville Light & Water Utility in Wisconsin and WPPI Energy while remaining active with APPA. He was previously Chair of APPA’s Policy Makers Council and served on the APPA Board of Directors. Brooks joined as a member of the Policy Makers Council in 2015, developing productive relationships with peers and members of Congress. This has led to numerous touchpoints over the years with key congressional offices, whether it is in person, through the Legislative Rally or Fly-Ins, or through letters, emails, or phone calls. He has consistently attended the APPA Legislative Rally for nearly a decade. Brooks has also championed the utility's participation in the Reliable Public Power Provider and Smart Energy Provider programs.

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