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**Wells Public Utilities GM receives national award**

**San Diego, California, June 11, 2024** — Jeff Amy, General Manager of Wells Public Utilities in Minnesota, received the Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in San Diego, California. 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.

Over Amy’s 15-year tenure, he has demonstrated expertise in project planning, notably by coordinating efforts to provide water service for the neighboring city of Easton. In addition to overseeing all utilities for the city of Wells, Amy serves as the lead staff for the Tri-City Sanitary Sewer System, which serves Wells and two neighboring communities. Amy makes time to speak with customers personally when they have issues and ensures that his team supports town celebrations and holiday events. Amy’s easygoing leadership style, as well as his emphasis on trust and cross-training, allows his team to thrive under a mixture of his guidance and their autonomy.

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