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**Hoisington City Manager receives national award**

**San Diego, California, June 11, 2024** — Jonathan Mitchell, City Manager for the City of Hoisington, Kansas, 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.

Mitchell has served as the City Manager for the City of Hoisington, Kansas, since 2009. Throughout this tenure, he has helped the city maintain service levels while restructuring debt, securing grants for key infrastructure, and upgrading the city’s metering technology. As City Manager, Mitchell is responsible for overseeing day-to-day and long-term planning for Hoisington, which included the installation of a new 3.95-megawatt generator at the city’s power plant, the completion of multiple water line upgrades, and the implementation of a Safe Routes to School program. In the community, Mitchell also serves as an EMT for the Hoisington Ambulance Service.

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