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Jeff Bechhold receives MMUA Honorary Lifetime Membership Award

ST. LOUIS PARK, MINNESOTA— September 18, 2026. Jeff Bechhold, retired Distribution Maintenance Superintendent at Missouri River Energy Services (MRES), has received MMUA's 2026 Honorary Lifetime Membership Award. The recognition honors individuals whose careers have significantly advanced the municipal utility industry.

Bechhold's utility career included service as a lineworker, public works director, utility superintendent, MMUA safety instructor, and later distribution superintendent for MRES. From 2013 through his retirement in 2026, he supported communities across a four-state region through distribution maintenance and utility support services.

MMUA recognized Bechhold for his dedication to municipal utilities, safety training, mutual aid efforts, and willingness to help communities whenever needed.

"Our award recipients embody the very best of public service. Their contributions strengthen community-owned utilities and enrich the communities they serve," said MMUA CEO Karleen Kos.

About MMUA: The Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) was established in 1931 to unify, support, and serve as a common voice for municipal utilities. The organization represents community-owned hometown utilities in 186 cities around Minnesota that serve a median 1,275 customers. MMUA also provides safety, training, compliance, strategic planning, and government relations services on-site in locations throughout the Midwest. MMUA is headquartered in St. Louis Park, Minnesota and operates a hands-on training center in Marshall, Minnesota.

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