

The Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) awarded city of Imperial Public Works Director Pat Davison with the Rudy Hultgren Dedicated Service Award March 27 at the 38th Annual NMPP Energy Meeting and Conference in Lincoln.

The award is presented annually to an individual within a MEAN member utility who has displayed commendable efforts in promoting the use of public power and its ideals.

MEAN, the wholesale power supply organization of NMPP Energy, serves wholesale power supply to 68 communities in Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska and Wyoming and one joint action agency.

The award is a memorial tribute to Rudy Hultgren, a utility consultant and well-known and respected citizen of Lyons, Colo., who played an active role in community service and leadership.

As public works director, Davison oversees Imperial's water and electric utilities in addition to sanitation, parks, streets, cemetery and community swimming pool. Davison joined the city's utility department as a lineman in 1994.

Davison was instrumental in assisting with the building of a new community swimming pool and sports field complex in partnership with Chase County Schools. The project helped Imperial earn the 2012 Governors Showcase Community Award.

Davison serves as an elected board member for the Imperial Public Power District (IPPD) and has served as a MEAN board of director since 2003. The past three years, he has served on the MEAN finance committee.

He is also active in the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, the utility services organization of NMPP Energy. He works with NMPP services in the areas of electric distribution services, retail rate studies, utility training groups and as a member of NMPP's Energy Research and Development Board.

He also has served as president of the Utilities Section of the Nebraska League of Municipalities (NLM) and this past year served as ex-officio to the NLM's Utilities Executive Board.

As the recipient of the award, Davison received \$350, which he has designated to go to the Imperial Baseball/Softball Association for their use in furthering the recreational opportunities for Imperial residents.