

Clean Water. A Beautiful Future, One Drop at a Time

Director of Public Works/Management Award Nominees

Mike Maples – City of Choteau

Mike is very dedicated to his community, the residents and the services provided to them. A knowledgeable leader, he has provided integral information to deal with utility issues, potential solutions, and how to navigate each project. He continues to review and assimilate data to stay on top of pending changes for the system. His management of the Public Works operations and staff is thorough and very appreciated by the community.

Dan Murphy – Town of Fairview

Dan is a devoted operator and tough manager. He insists on doing things right and making sure his fellow operators know what the right way is. If Dan doesn't know something, he digs deep to find the answers. He makes a concerted effort to keep his operators up to date to keep the Town's system running smoothly. He efficiently ran the utility system without disruption through the pandemic issues of 2020.

Joe Paine – Town of Circle

Joe holds a critical position within the Town of Circle as Public Works Director. He is often asked to assume many more roles beyond his regular duties. Joe has a keen sense to recognize what needs to be done *prior* to being asked. His knowledge and history of the Town's water system have been a great resource in managing major water projects. His effective work ethic is very much appreciated by the community.

Jim Truelove – City of Malta

Jim stepped into his position without hesitation and has kept the City's water system running smoothly. He has been adamant about his staff being trained and certified. He strives to provide multiple training opportunities in operations and maintenance, safety and all other areas. He is working towards cross training all of his operator staff, one of the important lessons learned during the Covid-19 pandemic.