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Minnesota Rural Water Association presents Achievement Award to Trevor Brummer, City of Rockford



The Achievement Award: The criteria for the Achievement Award is for a system and/or person who has applied innovative ideas, inventions or procedures that has benefited the operation of a public water/wastewater systems and/or its customers.

The 2016 City of Rockford Main Street Project originally started out as a mill and overlay project conducted by the County, and City officials took advantage of the opportunity and cost share funds to design a streetscape project that would revitalize Downtown utilizing TIF funds.

City of Rockford Public Works Director, Trevor Brummer, took advantage of this opportunity by working with the city engineer to incorporate his vision of a new downtown that supported storm water runoff and catch basin repair into the streetscape design. Early on in the project, it was discovered that the severely deteriorated condition of the existing water mains. The condition of the mains and valves was determined to only have an additional life span of 3 to 5 years before repairs or replacement would be needed. Trevor took advantage of the existing TIF District, and included the Mains and Valves project into that district so that these unexpected expenses could be repaid through captured TIF increments.

Typically, a project like this would be handled by a General Contractor. In an effort to save money, the City took advantage of tax exempt purchases for materials, and contracted directly with multiple contractors to complete each part of this project independently. That placed Trevor in the position of a General Contractor, and he flawlessly scheduled and managed each independent part of the streetscape and utility infrastructure projects. Despite all of the setbacks and challenges, the Rockford Main Street project was completed three weeks ahead of schedule, and substantially under budget - in excess of \$100,000 of the original estimated costs!

Trevor's hard work for the city earned him some well-deserved praise from the Mayor Renee Hafften, who said, "Trevor Brummer is an absolute Rock Star for our city! This (project) simply could not have happened without Mr. Brummer's sacrifice and leadership!"

Congratulations Trevor from the Minnesota Rural Association Board and staff.

Photo above from left to right: MRWA Chairman Steve Burkland, Rockford Public Works Director Trevor Brummer, and NRWA Representative Steve Wear.