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Minnesota Rural Water Association presents Achievement Award to Joel Jasmer, City of East Gull Lake



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.

Joel went to college to become a chemical engineer but found his passion in helping small cities. Joel invented 3 innovative wastewater inventions that have helped not only his city and his job, but has helped the entire wastewater community.

Joel was the first to foam insulate a small clarifier dome cover to keep heat inside the clarifier to promote better treatment for small systems with little flow from freezing in the winter when temperatures reach the negatives. Next, Joel invented a

hydromatic pump puller. This pump puller can be used at each hydromatic grinder station because of the light weight and strength of the puller.

Joel also designed a safety grate; a mixer motor puller over a mixer pit at a wastewater plant that not only keeps people from falling into the mixer pit, but allows the mixer to easily be pulled and cleared without much manual labor.

Lastly, Joel has worked in the resort-driven communities for years between the Nisswa & East Gull Lake areas and has brought his own ERC (equivalent residential connection) method of billing with him. It's built great relationships between the resorts and the city and has been looked at by many other resorts when trying to figure out a proper and reasonable water/ wastewater billing method from the city without using flow meters.

Joel has created these inventions without getting a patent and without taking payment for them because he says he's giving back to the wastewater community.

Congratulations Joel Jasmer, public works director, City of East Gull Lake from the Minnesota Rural Association Board and staff.

Photo above from left to right: City of East Gull Lake Public Works Director Joel Jasmer and Minnesota Rural Water Association Chairman Les Anderson.