2020 Utilities/Public Works Section Annual Conference Highlights

The 2020 League of Nebraska Municipalities Utilities/Public Works Section Annual Conference was held Jan. 15-17, 2020 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Lincoln.

The highlight of the conference was the passing of the Utilities Section President’s gavel from Bob Lockmon of Stuart to Larry Brittemhan of Superior. Al Schoemaker, Director of Public Works of Blair, and Duane Hoffman, Public Works Director of Oxford, were nominated and voted in as the new board members. The full board elected at the conference is as follows:

- **President:** Larry Brittenham, Utility Superintendent, Superior;
- **1st Vice President:** Eric Melcher, City Administrator, Aurora;
- **2nd Vice President:** Brian Newton, City Administrator, Fremont;
- **Past President:** Bob Lockmon, Utilities Superintendent, Stuart;
- **Board Member:** Bill Bischoff, Utility Superintendent, Wauneta;
- **Board Member:** Al Schoemaker, Director of Public Works, Blair;
- **Board Member:** Duane Hoffman, Public Works Director, Oxford;
- **Ex Officio:** Tom Goulette, City Administrator/Utility Superintendent, West Point.

Those attending the conference participated in sessions covering a broad range of topics, including: Inspecting our Infrastructure; Basics of Preventing Cyber Attacks; What’s the Story With Possible Manganese Regulation?; 2019 Floods and Natural Disasters!; Effective Employee Evaluations; Vehicle Safety; Drones; Flint Michigan-Five Years Later; Department of Transportation Local Government Update, Right of Way Management; One-Call Update; Stress Management in a Municipal Environment; Waste-water Limit Changes; Pole Fees and Options; WWAC Update; Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act Update; along with Municipal Utility and Public Works Legislative and Regulatory Update.

Operators attending (scanning or signing in) the Preconference Seminar and the preapproved designated sessions could receive up to 15 hours of wastewater and up to 15.5 water credit hours toward their license recertification. Credit hours are posted on the League’s website at www.lonm.org.

A special “Thanks!” to the

From left: Outgoing Utilities/Public Works Section President Bob Lockmon, Stuart Utilities Superintendent, presents plaque to incoming President Larry Brittenham, Superior Utility Superintendent.
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sponsors/exhibitors of the 2020 Utilities/Public Works Section Annual Conference. Note: League and Utilities Associate Members are in bold type.

- Advanced Drainage Systems Inc.
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From left: Randy Woldt, City Administrator, Wisner; Dick McCabe, Utility Superintendent, Emerson; Tom Goulette, City Administrator, West Point.

From left: Aaron Dressel, Public Works Director, York; Ryan Hurst, General Manager of Utilities, Wahoo.

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Next year’s conference will be held in Lincoln at the Embassy Suites Hotel Jan. 13-15. Be sure to mark your calendars and attend the 2021 Conference!

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Crow Line: A line of positive communication that all can share

NWEA Recognized Golden Manhole Awards Inductees: Five individuals were selected for the first class of NWEA members to the “Golden Manhole Society Award.” They were Lynn Garton of Scottsbluff, Jerry Halsey of Norfolk Water and Sewer Division, Lyle Christensen of City of Lincoln/HDR/retired, Jim Theiler, City of Omaha Public Works and Scott Aurit of HDR Engineering. More information on the Golden Manhole Society Awards can be found in the Effluent Line magazine, Volume 50 Number 4, or on the NWEA website at www.nebwea.org. Congratulations!

New additions listed on the National Register of Historic Places: Hartington Downtown Historic District, Grand Island’s 4th Street Commercial Historic District, the John C. Kesterson House (Fairbury), the Harry Temple House (Lincoln), Nebraska School for the Deaf, Camp Indianola (1.5 miles north of Indianola and the Oshkosh water tower (built in 1920, retired in 2018). Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Scottsbluff Water Reclamation Facility for receiving the Burke Award at the 2019 Annual NWEA Conference held in Kearney. This award was established in 1982 and recognizes a municipal or industrial wastewater facility for establishing and maintaining an active and effective safety program. Congratulations, Scottsbluff as this year’s Burke Award Winner!

Incorporation Anniversary Recognition: 120 years-Merna; 135 years-Weston; 140 years-Juniata; 145 years-Palmyra; 155 years-Columbus; and 165 years-Bellevue and Brownville.

Do you, your department or facility have something to crow about? Received an award, had an article written highlighting an event or person? Do you have a project worthy of acknowledgement in the Utilities Section Newsletter? If so, please send your information to any of the League/Utilities staff so we can share your excitement with other members.

(Note: Utilities Section Members and Associate Members are in bold type in this article.)

Nebraska Recycling Council

The Nebraska Recycling Council has released a “Community Materials Management Toolkit” with over 390 resources covering material regarding solid waste, recycling and organics management. General subject matter categories are: Analysis and Decision-making Tools, Construction & Demolition, Commercial Recycling by Sector, Compost, Funding Mechanisms, Green Teams, Haulers & Collection, Hazardous Waste and Toxic Materials, Hub & Spoke, Landfills, Lexicon, Materials and Markets, Measurement, MRFs, Planning and Public Policy, Public Education, Reuse, Rural Recycling, Schools, Sustainability & Resilience, and Zero Waste. The project was funded by a Waste Reduction and Recycling grant from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy in 2019. The information can be found on their website at https://nrcne.org/community-toolkit/.

Nebraska Breaktime Trivia “Just For Fun”

Q-1. What Nebraska highway has the longest route in the state?

Q-2. Who was the first governor of Nebraska who was born in Nebraska?

Q-3. Which of these Nebraska villages/cities is not a county seat? Center, Brewster, Chappell, Taylor, Curtis, Stapleton, Bassett or Geneva.

Q-4. This community center is located in what city in Nebraska?

Answers on page 14.
Nebraska utilities history – Cozad

The Utilities Section Newsletter will continue to feature histories of both utilities and associate members. Any historical data and/or photos of your utilities, a specific facility, or articles already written are welcome, along with permission to print. If you have questions, contact Rob at 402-476-2829 or robp@lonm.org.

By Rob Pierce, LNM Field Rep./Training Coordinator

About 1849, a cabin built of red cedars was erected that was located on the south bank of the Platte River (south of Darr). The Malalley Ranch served as a trading post and a camping point for settlers passing through the area. The ranch was later known as Willow Island stage and a pony express station (1861). In 1864, Congress approved the construction of a transcontinental railroad that would eventually meet at the 100th Meridian, the site of Cozad, Nebraska. This site was later changed to Utah. Soldiers were stationed at the Malalley Ranch, which was renamed as Fort Willow Island (not to be confused with the Willow Island Railroad Station located to the west).

Cozad, located in Dawson County, had a settler in the area by Dec. 6, 1873, when John J. Cozad purchased a tract of 6,000 acres ($40,000) of land from the Union Pacific Railroad. By 1873-74, the site boasted a hotel with the arrival of the railroad. The first school sessions were held a short time in a private home and by 1874, the first school was built. It was a two-story, two-room building (on the lot where the 1955 school resides) with the upper floor used as a church. A post office was established June 18, 1874, with Dr. A. T. Gatewood as the first postmaster. The population in 1874 was noted to be about 30. About 1874-76, a fire destroyed several buildings, including the hotel. A brickyard was in operation by 1876 and a new two-story brick hotel was built.

By 1880, the population was 75 and on Feb. 11, a deed of conveyance was recorded. The Union Pacific Railroad platted the portion north of section seven. A one-room pioneer country school was built about 1880 on a site nine miles north and west of the current City of Cozad. The school was called “The Adle School” because it was on Adle land and in the evening, many community activities were held there. In 1880, the community built a two-story brick school building and beside it, a two-story frame building. The brickyard manufactured brick burned from clay on land north of the cemetery and soon, the community had four stores, a flour mill (1881), a cemetery and a lumberyard. The post office established as Cozad, was changed

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to Gould on June 15, 1881, and
changed back to Cozad on Oct.
23, 1885. The town site built on
the 100th Meridian (some say
incorporated in 1873) was named
in honor of the founder, John J.
Cozad. Cozad was incorporated
on Feb. 11, 1886, and on Oct. 26,
1886, the Union Pacific Railroad
had been extended to that point.
By 1888-89, the town had a hand
pumper wagon for fire protection.
The two-story frame school was
built in 1889 (four rooms) and
later used as a city hall.
By 1890, the population was 542
(one source noted about 600) and
three banks were operating, the
Exchange Bank, the Cozad Bank
and the Meridian State Bank. Co-
zad had lost two railroad depots
in the early days, which had been
destroyed by fire as there was
basically no fire protection. The
council had two-inch sand points
in certain localities and the hand
pump was attached to the near-
est pipe and water pumped by
hand through a hose to a fire. A
high school was built in 1891 for
$9,230.75.
By 1900, the population was 739
and on June 16, 1902, the tele-
phone organizational meeting was
held. The Allen Opera House was
built in 1906 with a grand opening
in February 1907.
By December 1909, Cozad had
driven wells (3 x 12-inch) with a
plant to be built on Block 17 of
the original town site along with
the planning of 31 double fire
hydrants to be installed. A city/
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The City Hall/Fire Hall building was located on Main Street (Broadway Street), which had 23 volunteer firefighters, one hook and ladder truck, hose cart and 500-feet of cotton-rubber hose. A jail also was located in the back of the building. Plans to have public lighting were discussed and in 1909, Edgar N. Davis (mortician) was building the first electric light plant in Cozad. By December 1909, a building on Depot Street between 7th & Broadway Streets, housed a gas engine and a gas tank. Electric generation was provided by Edgar N. Davis’s electric light plant from 1909-1915.

The population by 1909 was estimated at about 1,200 and from 1909-1920, the Cozad Milling Company used a 30 horsepower (HP) electric engine.

In 1910, the population was 1,096 and a combined electric plant and water system, had an AC generator, exciter, a 30-HP engine, a switchboard, poles, wiring, transformers, two gas producer engines, 40-50 and 65-75 HP, two 100 feet steel stacks along with steam piping and boilers.

The water system had three six-inch wells with 100 HP engines and two 100 HP water tube boilers with water pumped to a 100-foot, 75,000-gallon capacity storage tower. The distribution system had 19,702 feet (ft) of 8, 6 and 4-inch cast iron pipe, 5,200 feet of 2-inch cast iron pipe laid in 1910 along with 31 fire hydrants and valves installed. Edgar N. Davis operated a private generation plant in 1915, which housed a 75 HP gas engine with a 55-kVA rated generator with rates for lighting at $0.15 and power at $0.10. By 1917, the water system included 39 double fire hydrants and electric power was provided by the electric light plant at the Lexington Mill and Electric Company with Ernest Arnett, manager. A Carnegie Library was built in 1916.

By 1920, the population was 1,293 and the village had two miles of asphalt paving with mostly streets of level grade. In February, work was progressing on a sewer system. The electric light office located on 7th Street and had two gasoline engines, and one generator, but was not used because electricity was supplied from Lexington. The City Hall/Fire Hall building was located on Main Street (Broadway Street), which had 32 volunteers split into two fire companies of 16 men and each a hook and ladder company of six men each. It had two hand reels, one hand hook and ladder wagon and 1,500-feet of two-and-a-half inch hose. A fire alarm bell was located on the city hall building. In October 1920, the municipal water system consisted of four, 8-inch wells (1-30 ft, 1-140 ft, 1-182 ft 71-90 ft) all pumped from electric driven Fairbanks pump (gas engine in reserve) capacity 250 gpm, a 60,000-gallon steel tank located on Block 17 of the original town, which was elevated 80 feet above the business district. The distribution system had about four miles of two, two-and-a-half, four, six and eight-inch galvanized and cast-iron mains with an average daily consumption of 100,000 gallons in summer and 60,000 gallons in winter. The water pressure for domestic use was 40 pounds per square inch (psi) and for fire, 90 psi. In 1927, a $20,000 water system extension project was completed. In 1927,
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new power line was constructed from Gothenburg to Eustis, later to connect to Cozad and Lexington. In 1928, the clerk was Wayne S. Cook and the chairman was Howard Koch.

The population by 1930 was 1,813 and about 1931, William T. Wallace became the first mayor of Cozad. A new brick three-story middle school was built in 1931 and on Dec. 11, 1934, a stone marker was installed and dedicated on the line of the 100th Meridian, west of the depot. In 1936, the Western Public Service Company operated an internal combustion power generation plant with a capacity of 136 kilowatts (kW). In September 1938, Cozad was the first city to make a contract for two million kW of power from Platte Valley Public Power and Irrigation District, who was in the process of purchasing the electric lines from Western Public Service. Electric rates were: first 15,000 kW at $16.2 mills, 7.56 mills per next 100,000 kW and 5.75 for any additional.

About 1939, the city began to establish a municipal electric system as the population reached 2,156 by 1940. In 1942, Consumers Public Power District purchased the properties of the Western Public Service Company. The Haymaker Feeds Company and Nebraska Plastics Inc., was established in 1945. The city was selling a 65-foot steel, 30,000-gallon water storage tower in 1946.

The population increased from 2,910 in 1950 and to 3,184 in 1960. The Cozad Country Club nine-hole golf course opened in 1951 and a new school was built in 1953. The Cozad Alfalfa was established in 1960 and the city operated a municipal airport. Garbage collection was provided by the city and the fire department had 50 volunteers. The electric standby generation capacity was 500 kilowatt hours (kWh) and the distribution system along with 1,465 meters in service were owned by the city and supplied by Nebraska Public Power System at a wholesale rate of $0.009. Electric meter rates were $10 for residential and $25 for commercial. Electric rates for residential were: first 50 kWh at $0.06 per month, next 100 at $0.025, and excess at $0.02 with a minimum charge of $1 per month. Water pumping and street lighting were: first 250 kWh at $0.06 per month, next 750 kWh at $0.025, excess at $0.02 with a minimum charge of $1 plus $0.50 per horsepower (HP) of connected load in excess of 2 HP. Water heating was 0.015 per kWh with a minimum charge $1 per month. The water plant and 23 meters in service were owned by the city with rates for three-quarters inch service at $2 per month and all over three-quarters inch service metered were $0.10 per 1,000 gallons. In 1961, the Monroe Auto Equipment Company was established (later Tennaco Auto).

In 1967, a new brick high school was built and the population was estimated at 3,900-4,000. Natural gas service was provided by the Nebraska Natural Gas Company. By 1970, the population reached 4,225 and the electric distribution system owned by the city was converted from a 2400 Delta system to a 4160 Wye system. By 1980, the population was 4,453 and work was being done on the sewer system in 1982. The natural gas system was operated by Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Company. In 1989, the sanitation collection equipment was purchased with improvements to the storm sewer system. CDBG funding was used for landfill improvements along with the widening of Highway 30 with utility upgrades. An airport runway extension project was underway and a road paving project in the cemetery. In 1988, 1989 and 1990, the total water consumption averaged 634 million gallons.

By 1990, the population was 3,823 and the city became a member of the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool in 1992. In 1993, the city had 1,926 electric customers and water consumption averaged 523 million gallons in 1992, 1993 and 1994. The Cozad Municipal Park had a swimming pool, two sand volleyball courts, 60 horse-shoe pits, playground equipment, and a 0.6091-mile walking path. The city has been a “Tree City USA” member since about 1993. The 100th Meridian Museum was completed in 1994 and in 1996, the old library was razed. A new 12,000 square foot (sqft) Wilson Library was constructed and opened about 1998. The city had 12 parks by 1999, covering some 33 acres. Solid waste pickup fees amounted to $11 per month. Basic water rates were $10 per month with varied metered rates and a minimum bill for metered at $3.50. The wastewater treatment consisted of an activated sludge extended aeration system designed for 1.2 million gallons per...
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day (mgd), with aerobic digester sludge treatment and a residential sewer rate of $24.25 per month. In 2002, the natural gas system was operated by the Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Company, but by 2003, was operated by Kinder Morgan Inc. The airport had a 4,200-foot lighted runway and a 2,925-foot sod runway in 2007 and the sanitary sewage system had a daily capacity of 0.83 million gallons. By 2008, the natural gas system was operated by SourceGas and the population increased slightly from 4,163 in 2000 to 4,296 by 2010. By 2015, the electric system was serving 2,725 residential customers along with 536 commercial and industrial customers with a peak load of 23,000 kilowatts (kW). The wastewater treatment facility is an activated sludge SBR system and the four water/wastewater employees had about 142 years of combined work experience. In 2015, Black Hills Energy purchased the SourceGas properties and Black Hills Energy operates the natural gas system since with gas transmission provided by Tallgrass Energy.

Cozad has been incorporated for about 133 years and a League/Utilities Section Member for over 42 years (records only date back to 1977). The city maintains an electric distribution system, a water and sewer system, parks, a cemetery, a public library and a municipal airport. The board of public works has operated for over 37 years. Walt G. Arfmann, who was the Cozad Utility Superintendent from Continued on page 9

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1960-1974, later worked for the League of Municipalities Utilities Section.

Solid Waste Screening Workshop held

A Solid Waste Screening Workshop, sponsored by the League of Nebraska Municipalities Utilities Section, was held Jan. 28, 2020, in Hastings at the Airport Terminal Building. The workshop covered hazardous waste identification, the waste screening process, a confined space safety refresher and a solid waste management industry update.

Safety is a major concern in our landfills, transfer stations and those providing collection service. The solid waste industry is ranked in the top five most dangerous industries due to the number of fatalities, injuries and incidents.

This workshop met the State of Nebraska requirements covering hazardous waste screening for employees of transfer stations and landfills. Nineteen participants from 11 different facilities were in attendance. Participants received certificates of attendance for their training records.

Two more Solid Waste Screening Workshops may be scheduled for 2020, depending on interest or need.
SAFETY/HEALTH CORNER

Basic lifting techniques

By Rob Pierce, LNM Field Rep./Training Coordinator

Even with the increased use of machinery and equipment, lifting, moving and carrying are still an integral aspect of our jobs. It is important to understand some basic lifting principals to help reduce potential back strain. Back injuries are usually the result of cumulative trauma from poor lifting techniques. The final straw could be doing something as simple as tying your shoe or picking up a pencil on the floor. Be sure to practice the following safe lifting techniques. Get good footing after sizing up the load. Place your feet approximately shoulder-width apart. Bend at the knees while keeping your back relatively straight to grasp the load. Get a firm hold, keep the load close to the body and lift gradually by straightening the legs. Don’t lift and twist in the same motion. Lift, point feet in desired direction, then deposit load. Get help if the load is too heavy. Use mechanical aids to lift heavy loads whenever possible. Push the load, don’t pull. It is less stressful on the back. Keep fit! Stretching exercises before work helps keep the back flexible.

Safety abbreviations, do you know what they mean?

1. ___ SDS A. Decibel
2. ___ PPE B. Carbon monoxide
3. ___ OSHA C. Permissible exposure limit
4. ___ dB D. Musculoskeletal disorder
5. ___ IDLH E. Lockout/Tagout
6. ___ CPR F. Personal protective equipment
7. ___ CO G. Environmental Protection Agency
8. ___ RPM H. Immediately dangerous to life and health
9. ___ LOTO I. Safety data sheet
10. ___ MSD J. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
11. ___ EPA K. Occupational Safety and Health Administration
12. ___ PEL L. Revolutions per minute

Answers on page 13.

Is your municipality or utility celebrating a historic milestone?

We are encouraging members to provide any information on milestones being celebrated such as 75 years of operating the electric system. About 1942, private electric systems were phased out in Nebraska and several municipalities took over the systems in the 1940s.

When was your water, wastewater, electric, power generation system established? When were facilities built, improvements made, etc. If your utilities is celebrating a 25, 50, 75, 100-year milestone, let the Utilities Section help you celebrate by recognizing it in the newsletter.

Safety Awards reminder

The AWWA and the NWEA has safety applications to recognize water and wastewater departments/facilities for their safety program for the calendar year 2019. The 2020 application forms can be found on their respective websites (AWWA, NWEA) via a link through the League website at www.lonm.org. For wastewater applications, contact safety chairman Jeremy Walker at jwalker@olsson.com and for water (AWWA) applications, contact Rob at robp@lonm.org.

Recipients will be recognized at the Annual Conference banquets held in November at the Younes Convention Center in Kearney. If you wish to recognize your facility for their safety program and activities, be sure to fill out an application.
Effective Jan. 1, 2020, the mileage rate at which elected and appointed officials, employees, or volunteers may be reimbursed is 57.5 cents per mile.

The Local Government Miscellaneous Expenditure Act provides that local units of government may approve mileage at the rate allowed by Section 81-1176. This section requires the state Department of Administrative Services to set the mileage rate. Effective Jan. 1, 2001, the state created a state policy that the state mileage rate will be set at the prevailing standard mileage rate as established by the Internal Revenue Service through its Revenue Procedures. Portions of Act, Section 13-2203, provide as follows: “In addition to other expenditures authorized by law, each government body may approve:

(1)(a) The expenditure of public funds for the payment or reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred by elected and appointed officials, employees, or volunteers at educational workshops, conferences, training programs, official functions, hearings, or meetings, whether incurred within or outside the boundaries of the local government, if the governing body gave prior approval for participation or attendance at the event and for payment or reimbursement either by the formal adoption of a uniform policy or by a formal vote of the governing body. Authorized expenses may include: (ii) Mileage at the rate allowed by Section 81-1176 for travel by personal automobile, but if travel by rental

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POSITIONS

Utilities Lineman. The City of Chappell is accepting applications for the position of an additional Utilities Lineman. This position works under the Utilities Foreman and in conjunction with current lineman. Assists in the operation and maintenance of the city owned electric distribution and water system. Applicant must be willing to obtain Grade 4 water operator license. Prefer electrical experience, but will train the right person. Wage is based on qualifications. Quality benefits package. Application can be obtained at PO Box 487, 757 2nd Street, Chappell, NE 69129 or by email to chappellcityhall@hotmail.com. Website is www.chappellne.org. Inquiries can be sent to 308-874-2401 or faxed to 308-874-2508. EOE. Position will be open until filled.

Maintenance. The Village of Cody is accepting applications for a full-time maintenance position to oversee the Village's maintenance needs. Duties include oversight of water and wastewater system, streets, snow removal, equipment care, weekly trash pick-up and disposal, up-keep of village public areas (park, ball field, arena) and some seasonal requirements (Christmas decorating, 4th of July, etc.). The successful applicant must be able to obtain a grade 4 water license (we will provide training to right applicant if not licensed at hiring). A valid Nebraska driver's license is a must and a CDL will be required if hired. Wage is commensurate with experience. North central Nebraska is a great place to live for the outdoor person. We are a small town of about 150 population located in the Sandhills of Cherry County. The high school and middle school are located in Cody and the grade school is located nearby; together they form the Cody Kilgore Unified Schools. We have a grocery, restaurant, banking, post office, fuel, repair and service shops as well as other services available. We are situated about half-way in-between Valentine and Gordon on Highway 20. Applications are available by calling the clerk at 402-823-4118 or writing to Village of Cody, PO Box 118, Cody, NE 69211. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. EOE.

Electrical Department Foreman. The City of Sutton (pop. 1502) is accepting applications for a position of full-time Electrical Department Foreman. This is a full-time position which requires knowledge and training of electrical distribution with a preference given for in-field working background of 2-5 years of lineman experience. Preference also is given to applicants with leadership training and/or supervisory experience. The applicant for this position would need to perform skilled line work in the operation, construction maintenance, and repair of overhead and underground electrical distribution systems. Experience in construction and maintenance of overhead and underground wiring on primary/secondary is

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Continued from page 12 desired. Being a certified Journeyman lineman is a preference for this position. Education may substitute for some experience. The department is made up of one other lineman. The foreman position will oversee daily activities, long-term planning, and system maintenance. Full benefits include health insurance, H.S.A., pension contribution, sick and vacation time, comp. time, holiday time, uniforms, etc. Wage rates are negotiable and compensatory with qualifications, experience and leadership abilities. Send cover letter, resume, and application form to: Marla Itzen-Newman City Clerk, PO Box 430, Sutton, NE 68979-0430. A complete job description and application form can be obtained by calling 402.773.4225 or by e-mail: cityofsutton@gmail.com. The City of Sutton is an equal opportunity employer. Position will be open until filled.

Electric Lineman or Electric Journeyman Lineman. The City of Seward is accepting applications until filled for a full time position with full benefits for an electric lineman ($24.81-$31.42/hour) or an electric journeyman lineman ($27.18-$36.60/ hour). Application review begins Feb. 3, 2020. Must meet minimum requirements. Full job description and application: www.CityofSewardNE.gov. Seward City Hall, 537 Main St.; PO Box 38; Seward, NE 68434 (402-643-2928). Reasonable accommodations available for persons needing assistance in completing application and should be made at time of application. All positions of employment with the City of Seward are subject to a Veteran’s Preference. Equal Opportunity Employer.

FOR SALE

Equipment for Sale by Sealed Bid. The Village of Culbertson is selling equipment by sealed bids only. Equipment includes: 1992 Johnston Street Sweeper Vanguard V3000 SP – 9,014 miles, 2,578 hours, runs well, has a CAT engine, elevator needs work. 1973 GMC 6000 Farm Truck – 396 Big Block Engine, 16’ steel box and hoist, runs, needs brake work. Bids will be accepted through April 3, 2020 and will be awarded April 7, 2020. Please mail bids to Village of Culbertson, PO Box 426, Culbertson, NE, 69024. For questions, please call Steve Kerchal at 308-340-3641. Click here for pictures.

Safety abbreviation answers

1. - I
2. - F
3. - K
4. - A
5. - H
6. - J
7. - B
8. - L
9. - E
10. - D
11. - G
12. - C

Standard mileage rates for 2020

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Training calendar

Visit our website at www.lonm.org for a complete list of workshops and conferences.

April
April 7 .............. Water Operator Training Workshop ....................... City Hall, Ainsworth
April 9 .............. Water Operator Training Workshop ....................... Community Center, Sargent

May
May 19-21 ........ Rubber Gloving Workshop .................................... Northeast Community College, Norfolk

June
June 17-19 ........ Municipal Accounting & Finance Conference .......... Holiday Inn, Kearney

July
July 14 ............. Water Operator Training Workshop ....................... Community Center, Loup City

August
Aug. 12 .......... Water Operator Training Workshop ......................... McCook
Aug. 13 .......... Water Operator Training Workshop ......................... Lexington
Aug. 18 .......... Backflow Workshop ................................................. Beatrice
Aug. 19 .......... Backflow Workshop ................................................. Lexington
Aug. 25 .......... Backflow Workshop ............................................... Ogallala
Aug. 27 .......... Backflow Workshop ............................................... Grand Island

September
Sept. 16-18 ...... Annual Conference ............................................... Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, Lincoln

October
Oct. 14 .......... Water Operator Training Workshop ......................... Norfolk

December
Dec. 2 .......... Water Operator Training Workshop ......................... Fremont
Dec. 3 .......... Water Operator Training Workshop ......................... Crete

“Just For Fun” Answers

A-1. Highway #92 with 489.1 miles in Nebraska.
A-2. Keith Neville born Feb. 25, 1884, of North Platte was elected governor in 1916 at age 32 years and served from 1917-1919.
A-3. Curtis (city of second class with a population of 939).
A-4. Red Cloud.