

Person Submitting Nomination:

Kenny Daigle

Highlight the award category below:

| System Awards List                            |
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| Energy Conservation System of the Year, North |
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| Wastewater System of the Year, North          |
| Wastewater System of the Year, South          |
| Water System of the Year, North               |
| Water System of the Year, South               |

| Individual Awards List                                     |
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| H. M. "Skeeter" Vickers                                    |
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| Office Person of the Year, South                           |
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| Wastewater System Operations Specialist of the Year, North |
| Wastewater System Operations Specialist of the Year, South |
| Water System Operations Specialist of the Year, North      |
| Water System Operations Specialist of the Year, South      |

Complete this information as it appears on your member list for **SYSTEM** that you wish to nominate:

| System Award Nominee: |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| System Name:          |  |
| Member #:             |  |
| Mailing Address:      |  |
| City:                 |  |
| Zip:                  |  |
| Phone #:              |  |
| Any Violations?:      |  |

Complete this information as it appears on your member list for **INDIVIDUAL** that you wish to nominate:

| Individual Award Nominee:                     |  |
|---|--|
| Nominee:                                      | Melissa Businelle  |
| Title:  | Office Manager   |
| System Name:                                  | Intracoastal Water System West <span style="margin-left: 100px;">Iberville Parish</span> |
| Member #:                                     | 1991 <span style="margin-left: 20px;">ACT</span>   |
| Mailing Address:                              | P. O. Box 99   |
| City:   | Plaquemine, LA   |
| Zip:  | 70765  |
| Phone #:                                      | 225-687-5152   |
| Categories and Levels of Certifications Held: | N/A <span style="margin-left: 100px;">C = 77%</span>                                     |
| Years as an Operator:                         | N/A  |

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'22

Write a narrative here as to why you feel the above nominee is worthy of the award:

Simply type the information below, the text will wrap as you type. It is NOT necessary to try to put into paragraphs.

Mrs. Businelle is a highly organized individual who manages the water and wastewater offices for three systems. She was able to gather the information that was needed for an energy efficiency assessment for three water systems in a short period (7 days) while managing the office personnel under her, and the business of the systems did not suffer in any way, shape, or form. Mrs. Businelle is a pleasure to work with and is always pleasant and professional in her interactions with the people that she deals with.

# Outstanding Office Person Award

--- System/Facility Name --- **St. Tammany Parish Department of Utilities**

--- Address (provide mailing and physical) --- P.O Box 628 Covington, LA 70434; 620 N. Tyler St., Covington, LA, 70433

--- Office Phone (copy) --- (985) 893-1717

--- Cell Phone --- (985) 551-3229

--- Email --- [sara.warren@stpgov.org](mailto:sara.warren@stpgov.org)

--- Name of person submitting nomination --- Sara Warren, Development Coordinator; Bradley Bardwell, Field Crew Leader *: 51 others (see list below)*

--- Legal operating name of system individual is employed with: --- St. Tammany Parish Department of Utilities

--- Name of individual being nominated: --- **Cynthia Samuel**

--- Title/Position with system: --- **Assistant Director of Operations**

--- How long has nominee worked in water/wastewater industry? --- 20 plus years

--- What level and type of Operator Certification does nominee hold? --- N/A

--- What do you believe entitles this individual to receive this award? --- Her time and dedication to the operations of our system goes above and beyond. She has had comprehensive studies completed for wages, to get our employees pay increases that are competitive with industry standards. She has also pushed for more field staff, bringing our staff from roughly 30 employees to 80. This had helped the overall moral of the staff tremendously. St. Tammany Dept. of Utilities operates and maintains 295 lift stations, 32 water wells, and 54 wastewater treatment plants, with several of these being one million plus gallons per day, she is involved in all aspects of operations and is the lifeblood of our operations.

--- Provide a brief work background on the individual being nominated --- She has worked in the water/wastewater industry for 20 plus yrs., from accounting, meter reading, billing, compliance, and operations.

Also nominated by other system personnel listed below:

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|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| David Hardy       | David Short      | Terry Whateley    |
| Matthew Davis     | Chad Freeman     | Matthew Gos       |
| Christopher Lloyd | Nathan Besse     | Joseph Englutt    |
| Eric Swartz       | Troy Sentimore   | Markus Conerly    |
| Michael Kazonni   | Nicholas Guillot | Kristian Bickham  |
| Blake Ramsey      | Jonathan Cousin  | Glenn Daughdril   |
| Roderick Jackson  | Mike Crain       | Rodney Alexander  |
| Sedrue Hall       | Jeff Haugh       | Rob Henry         |
| Kirk Cryer        | Terry Sharp      | Jesse Pierre      |
| Wayne Cyprian     | Dustin Ray       | Christian Daniels |
| Karl Owens        | Rachel Winter    | Tom Crowson       |
| Mike Hosch        | Allen Jobe       | Kevin Braud       |
| Chad Hossley      | Sterling Withers | Kim Hogan         |
| Rodney Sylve      | Syd Wilson       | Dana Fontenot     |
| John Hardy        | Jackson Miley    | John Blanchard    |
| Jeffrey Jones     | John Wills       | Esabel Warren     |
| Chad Parker       | Dudley Wilson    | Travis Vidrine    |

| North                                  | South                             |
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| Water System Grade (Letter/Percentage) | A = 100%                          |
| Member Type & #                        | ACT10 70                          |
| LA <del>3103183</del><br>1103184       | Christopher Tissue, P.E. Director |

*Multiple systems w/average letter grade being 100*



# Outstanding Office Person Award

--- System/Facility Name --- **Town of Jackson**

--- Address --- 1610 Charter St., P.O. Box 1150, Jackson , LA, 70748

--- Office Phone --- (225) 634-7777

--- Cell Phone --- (225) 721-7258

--- Email --- [cfarris@jacksonla.gov](mailto:cfarris@jacksonla.gov)

--- Name of person submitting nomination --- Christopher Farris

--- Title of person submitting nomination --- Maintenance Forman

--- Legal operating name of system individual is employed with: --- Town of Jackson

--- Name of individual being nominated: --- **Annissa Woodard**

--- Title/Position with system: --- **Town Clerk**

--- How long has nominee worked in water/wastewater industry? --- 19 years

--- What level and type of Operator Certification does nominee hold? --- N/A

--- What do you believe entitles this individual to receive this award? --- This Lady has been a dedicated servant of the town for 19 years starting out as a tax clerk, then police clerk, next billing clerk, and now Official town clerk and office manager doing payroll and bookkeeping. She has worn every hat the town has and continues to wear them all when needed.

--- Provide a brief work background on the individual being nominated --- Tax clerk, police clerk, next billing clerk, and Official town clerk and office manager doing payroll and book keeping

| North                                     | South    |
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| Water System Grade<br>(Letter/Percentage) | A = 99%  |
| Member Type & #                           | ACT 1101 |
| LA 1037006                                |          |

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Person Submitting Nomination: Lisa Abshire

Place an X in the box next to the category in which you are making the nomination:

| System Awards List       |   |
|--------------------------|---|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Energy Conservation System of the Year, South |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Source Water Protection System of the Year    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Wastewater System of the Year, North          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Wastewater System of the Year, South          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Water System of the Year, North               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Water System of the Year, South               |

| Individual Awards List              |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Office Person of the Year, North                           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Office Person of the Year, South                           |
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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Water System Operations Specialist of the Year, South      |

Complete this information as it appears on your member list for **SYSTEM** that you wish to nominate:

| System Award Nominee: |  |          |  |
|-----------------------|--|----------|--|
| System Name:          |  |          |  |
| Member #:             |  |          |  |
| Mailing Address:      |  |          |  |
| City:                 |  |          |  |
| Zip:                  |  |          |  |
| Phone #:              |  |          |  |
| Any Violations?:      |  |          |  |
| WS Letter Grade:      |  | % Grade: |  |

Complete this information as it appears on your member list for **INDIVIDUAL** that you wish to nominate:

| Individual Award Nominee:                    |                    |          |  |
|--|--------------------|----------|--|
| Nominee:                                     | Christine Tidwell  |          |  |
| Title:                                       | Town Clerk         |          |  |
| System Name:                                 | Leonville, Town of |          |  |
| Member #:                                    | 742 ACT            |          |  |
| Mailing Address:                             | P.O. Box 57        |          |  |
| City:  | Leonville, Town of |          |  |
| Zip:   | 70551              |          |  |
| Phone #:                                     | (337)879-2601      |          |  |
| Categories and Levels of Certifications Held |                    |          |  |
| Years as an Operator:                        | A = 9420           |          |  |
| WS Letter Grade:                             |                    | % Grade: | LDH Website was down for maintenance so I could not get lett |

Write a narrative here as to why you feel the above nominee is worthy of the award:

Simply type the information below, the text will wrap as you type. It is NOT necessary to try to put into paragraphs.

According to her co-workers, Christine Tidwell, the clerk for the town of Leonville is an outstanding employee and an asset to the town. She is a dedicated employee and her attention to detail has been the main reason that the town is where they are today. She has been working as the clerk for the town of Leonville for the past six years. She was hired with very little experience working for a municipality, but she worked very hard and went to many trainings to be able to do the great job that she does today. If there is a class or conference that she can attend to further her education, she will always try to attend. She takes notes and is very diligent in her studies. She utilizes what she has learned on a daily basis for her job as she tirelessly works on accounts making sure that they are all balanced. In addition to her work ethic, Christine also looks out for her coworkers. She was instrumental in introducing the Mayor and the Council to the idea of paying more towards health insurance. She convinced them to pass a motion to provide life insurance for all of the employees of the town. This was something that the town never had before. In conclusion, Christine's dedication and positive contributions make her an ideal candidate for this award. Her efforts have had a very positive impact on the town and crew.

Mayor Degueyter

# Outstanding Office Person Award

--- System/Facility Name --- **Waterworks Dist. #1 of Avoyelles Parish**

--- Address (provide mailing and physical) --- PO BOX 64, 4432 HWY 451, MOREAUVILLE, LA 71355

--- Office Phone (copy) --- (318) 997-2122

--- Cell Phone --- (318) 359-8100

--- Email --- [waterworksdist1@gmail.com](mailto:waterworksdist1@gmail.com)

--- Name of person submitting nomination --- Crystal Jeansonne, Clerk/ Kathy Couvillion, Office Asst/Jill Bordelon, Clerical

--- Legal operating name of system individual is employed with: --- Waterworks Dist. #1 of Avoyelles Parish

--- Name of individual being nominated: --- **Sandra Mayeux**

--- Title/Position with system: --- **Office Manager**

--- How long has nominee worked in water/wastewater industry? --- 40 years

--- What level and type of Operator Certification does nominee hold? --- She does not hold an Operator's Certification

Crystall Jeansonne--- What do you believe entitles this individual to receive this award? --- I am nominating Sandra Mayeux, Office Manager, for the Outstanding Office Person Award. As a clerk for the Avoyelles Waterworks for an astounding 40 years, she has demonstrated dedication, resilience, and professionalism. Her commitment to serving our community with integrity and excellence is truly inspiring. Throughout her tenure, Sandra has been the cornerstone of our office, consistently exemplifying hard work and diligence. Beyond her work ethic, Sandra has been a mentor and source of inspiration to her colleagues. Her willingness to support and share her knowledge has fostered a positive work environment. Her unwavering commitment to our team have earned her the respect of everyone. Her dedication is a testament to her character and values. I wholeheartedly believe that Sandra Mayeux is a deserving candidate for this award. Her 40 years of service, marked by hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence, make her an outstanding role model and a true asset to the Waterworks Dist. #1 of Avoyelles Parish in Bordelonville.

--- Provide a brief work background on the individual being nominated --- Sandra Mayeux has 40 years of service here at the Waterworks Dist. #1 of Avoyelles Parish. She has managed countless administrative tasks with precision and efficiency, ensuring the smooth operation of our water department. Her attention to detail and organizational skills have contributed to the effectiveness of Avoyelles Waterworks. In addition, she had also supported the Avoyelles Operators Group and ensured that all meeting agendas were adhered to and organized the Christmas Social/Training events that took place.

Kathy Couvillion & Jill Bordelon--- What do you believe entitles this individual to receive this award? --- Sandra is deserving of this award for her ability to maintain a smooth running office for the last 40 years. She is knowledgeable in all office and management skills. She is a great problem solver and able to communicate with employees and customers fairly and effectively. Sandra is very dedicated and hardworking and takes pride in her job. Her dedication, positive attitude, and outstanding contributions make her an asset to this water system. Please consider her for this prestigious award.

--- Provide a brief work background on the individual being nominated --- Sandra has been office manager for 40 years at the Waterworks District 1 of Avoyelles Parish. She maintains an efficient and well run office. She attends trainings and workshops to make sure our water district office up to date and following state guidelines.

| North                                  | South    |
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| Water System Grade (Letter/Percentage) | A = 100% |
| Member Type & #                        | ACT 211  |
| LA 1009002                             |          |

# Outstanding Office Person Award

--- System/Facility Name --- **Waterworks District #2 Parish of Beauregard**

--- Address (provide mailing and physical) --- P.O. Box 97 , 9252 Hwy 27, SINGER, LA, 70660

--- Office Phone (copy) --- (337) 462-6805

--- Email --- [singerwater2@gmail.com](mailto:singerwater2@gmail.com)

--- Name of person submitting nomination --- Tiffany Mitchell

--- Title of person submitting nomination --- Office Clerk

--- Legal operating name of system individual is employed with: --- Waterworks District #2 Parish of Beauregard

--- Name of individual being nominated: --- **Paula Rose**

--- Title/Position with system: --- **Office Manager**

--- How long has nominee worked in water/wastewater industry? --- 21 years

--- What level and type of Operator Certification does nominee hold? --- Level 2 in Water Treatment and Production, Level 3 in Distribution.

--- What do you believe entitles this individual to receive this award? --- I have had the pleasure to work alongside Mrs. Paula for the past 6 months. I have witnessed firsthand her exceptional qualities that make her not only a great member of our office team but an all-around great person to know. She consistently demonstrates such professionalism and dedication to her job and those she works with. She is always willing to go above and beyond her typical job duties to help anyone that needs it. She's a great mentor and spends countless hours helping others to learn aspects about the water system and our jobs, all with unending patience and kindness. She demonstrates a wealth of knowledge about our water system and a very strong work ethic. She is at work early and stays late doing the jobs that can go unnoticed, yet she does it with a smile. She is always encouraging and fosters a supportive atmosphere for our work environment. Not only is she great at her job and invaluable to our water system, but she is well loved by our customers and community. We have a saying here, "WWPD( What Would Paula Do?)" We even had shirts made with this saying. For these reasons and many more, I believe Paula deserves to be recognized for the Outstanding Office Person Award.

--- Provide a brief work background on the individual being nominated --- She has worked 21 years for Waterworks District #2 Beauregard Parish.

| North                                  | South   |
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| Water System Grade (Letter/Percentage) | A = 99% |
| Member Type & #                        | ACT 560 |
| LA 1011012                             |         |