

Person Submitting Nomination: Lisa Abshire

Highlight the award category below:

System Awards List
Energy Conservation System of the Year, North
Energy Conservation System of the Year, South
Private System of the Year
Source Water Protection System of the Year
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
H. M. "Skeeter" Vickers
Office Person of the Year, North
Office Person of the Year, South
Prosper Toups Trainer Award
Wastewater System Operations Specialist of the Year, North
Wastewater System Operations Specialist of the Year, South
Water System Operations Specialist of the Year, North
X 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:	Melvin Bertrand, Jr.		
Title:	City Manager/Director of Public Works		
System Name:	City of Broussard		
Member #:	#65 ACTISV		
Mailing Address:	310 East Main Street		
City:	Broussard		
Zip:	70518		
Phone #:	337- 330-4614		
Categories and Levels of Certifications Held	Water Distribution and Production/Class 4 Water Trea		
Years as an Operator:	Since March of 1997		
WS Letter Grade:		% Grade:	LDH website is down C = 75%

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.

Mr. Melvin Bertrand, Jr. has been employed by the City of Broussard for 25 years. According to his co-worker, he was instrumental in bringing the water system into the 21st Century because of his strategic and very meticulous planning. He has a vast knowlege about water distribution, production, and treatment and he uses his knowlege to benefit the system. He is known as the Town of Broussard's "Ace in the Hole", and he is always willing to lend a helping hand to other water systems in nearby towns or cities that are in need.

Mayor Bourque

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Ray Bourque
mayorbourque@broussardla.com
www.cityofbroussard.com



Melvin Bertrand

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Council:
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Jesse Regan - District III
Heather Girouard - District IV
David Forbes - District V
Kody Allen - District VI
Jeff Delahoussaye - At Large

To whom it may concern;

On behalf of the City of Broussard, I would like to nominate Melvin Bertrand, Jr for the following awards:

- 1) Water System Operations Specialist
And
- 2) Wastewater System Operations Specialist

Mr. Bertrand has been employed by the City of Broussard for over 25 years. He has brought our water system and wastewater system into the 21st century with thoughtful planning. He has more knowledge than many operators throughout the State of Louisiana. Besides, being our "ACE IN THE HOLE" guy; he is always lending a helping hand to other cities and towns with their systems.

That is why I feel, he should be receiving these awards.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tina Emert". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tina Emert – City Clerk, Broussard, LA

ASC/SY - 1390
LA 1103003

A=9520 ✓

LRWA Annual Awards Nomination Form Deadline to Apply is March 7, 2025

Award Categories (place "X" next to award category of your choice)		System Awards	
			Water System
Individual Awards			Wastewater System
	H.M. "Skeeter" Vickers Award		Energy Conservation System
	Outstanding Office Person		Source Water Protection System
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Water System Operations Specialist (Operator) - South		Private System
	Wastewater System Operations Specialist (Operator)		Water Conservation & Re-use

Note: Complete and submit ALL required information. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.

1. **Select** the award above that you are nominating for (complete a separate form for each award)
2. **Complete** required information below
3. **Attach** a separate sheet stating what you believe entitles this system/individual to receive this award AND a brief background on the system/individual being nominated.
4. **Submit** completed form and background by email to mardoin@lrwa.org, by fax to 337-738-5620, or by mail to Louisiana Rural Water Association; Attn: Conference Awards; PO Box 180; Kinder, LA 70648.

Complete for <u>ALL</u> Awards Nominations			
System Name: City of Mandeville UTILITIES			
System mailing address: 1100 Mandeville High Dr.			
City: Mandeville	State: LA	Zip: 70471	
Physical address: 1100 Mandeville High Dr.			
Phone number: (985) 624-3109	Email: jgroby@cityofmandeville.com		
Name & title of person submitting nomination:			
Complete for <u>SYSTEM</u> Awards Nominations			
Name of system being nominated:			
How long has system been in operation?			
# of employees?	How many customers are served by the system?		
Has system ever been out of compliance? If yes, when and for what reason?			
Complete for <u>INDIVIDUAL</u> Awards Nominations			
Name of individual being nominated: DAVID HANSON II			
Title/Position with system: EQUIPMENT OPERATOR DISTRIBUTION			
How long has nominee worked in water/wastewater industry? 7 yrs			
What level and type of Operator Certification does nominee hold? WATER DISTRIBUTION I AND WATER TREATMENT I			

To ensure your nomination is considered for an award, submit ALL required information by the deadline.

Awards Luncheon will be held Wednesday, July 16th in Lake Charles, LA.

Mayor Madden

L. CLAY MADDEN
Mayor

KEITH J. LAGRANGE, Jr., P.E.
Director of Public Works



MANDEVILLE

A Historic Lakefront Community

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District II

JILL MCGUIRE
District III

February 25, 2025

Louisiana Rural Water Association
P.O. Box 180
Kinder, LA. 70648

Re: Water System Operator Specialist Award.

Dear Award Committee Members,

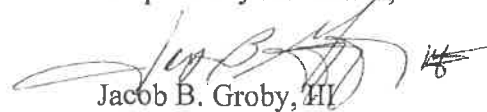
Please let this letter serve as our testimony to an absolutely dedicated public works employee for the City of Mandeville Utilities: Mr. David Hanson II.

David has served the public for over 8 years; his experience and commitment to both the Water and Wastewater system is rarely matched. As both an Operator as well as an Equipment Operator, David is generally the first to jump in the hole to address the issue and uses this as a training tool for the younger Operators who need guidance.

As well as new equipment training, David is a 'Hands-On' type operator and can basically work the equipment blind as his experience is far superior to most others.

If your committee has any questions, please call me at 985-503-0017

Respectfully Submitted,


Jacob B. Groby, III
Supt. of Utilities



Water System Operations Specialist (Operator) Award

--- System/Facility Name --- **City of Ville Platte**

--- Address (provide mailing and physical) --- 204 NW Railroad , Ville Platte , LA, 70586

--- Office Phone (copy) --- (337) 783-1693

--- Email --- mayor@villeplattela.com

--- Name of person submitting nomination --- Garrick Musso

--- Title of person submitting nomination --- Water Treatment Consultant

--- Legal operating name of system individual is employed with: --- City of Ville Platte

--- Name of individual being nominated: --- **Keith Saucier**

--- Title/Position with system: --- **Water Superintendent**

--- How long has nominee worked in water/wastewater industry? --- 10+

--- What level and type of Operator Certification does nominee hold? --- Water 3's and Wastewater 2's

--- What do you believe entitles this individual to receive this award? --- Keith started with the City of Ville Platte about two years ago. Since then he has taken over the water and gas department. He has saved the system thousands of dollars since starting due to finding major water leaks. Most of these leaks have been going on for years costing the city unnecessary expenses.

Keith also operates Point Blue/ Chataginier Water system as well as being a police juror.

--- Provide a brief work background on the individual being nominated --- Keith started out at Eastside water system and is now at the City of Ville Platte, Point Blue, and Chataignier water systems. Even though he is the water superintendent, he still will get on an excavator or even get in the hole to fix water leaks. Keith is an asset to these water systems and I feel that Keith deserves this years annual award.

North	South
Water System Grade (Letter/Percentage)	B = 80%
Member Type & #	ACT 1348
LA 1039010	Mayor Williams PO Box 390

Water System Operations Specialist (Operator) Award

--- System/Facility Name --- **East Allen Water Works**

--- Address (provide mailing and physical) --- 4033 HIGHWAY 26, OBERLIN, LA, 70655

--- Office Phone (copy) --- (337) 639-4956

--- Cell Phone --- (337) 603-9705

--- Email --- eastallenwaterworks@hotmail.com

--- Name of person submitting nomination --- Stephanie Ramos

--- Title of person submitting nomination --- Office Manager

--- Legal operating name of system individual is employed with: --- East Allen Parish Water Works

--- Name of individual being nominated: --- **Sherwin Carrier**

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

--- How long has nominee worked in water/wastewater industry? --- 18 years

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

--- What do you believe entitles this individual to receive this award? --- We are pleased to nominate Sherwin Carrier for his exceptional management of East Allen Water Works. His dedication and resilience in overseeing the water system have been nothing short of outstanding.

Sherwin's leadership is a cornerstone of our operations, ensuring that the water system runs smoothly and efficiently. His commitment to the community is evident, especially during extreme weather conditions and natural disasters. Sherwin goes above and beyond by staying at the office 24 hours a day during these critical times, ensuring that our system remains operational and that our customers have access to water when they need it most.

Moreover, Sherwin's approachability and willingness to assist others set him apart. He is always available to answer calls and address concerns, demonstrating his genuine care for both our customers and his employees. His selflessness and dedication to service exemplify the qualities of an outstanding leader.

For these reasons, we whole heartedly recommend Sherwin Carrier for this recognition. His unwavering commitment to excellence and the well-being of our community truly deserves to be celebrated.

--- Provide a brief work background on the individual being nominated --- For nearly two decades, Sherwin has been a steadfast force behind East Allen Water Works, dedicating his time and expertise to ensure that the community has access to clean and safe water. His journey began in 2007, when he first stepped into the world of water management, eager to learn every facet of the intricate water system that serves our community. Over the past 18 years, Sherwin has immersed himself in the operations of East Allen Water Works, gaining invaluable knowledge and experience. Under the mentorship of Lee Buller, he honed his skills and developed a deep understanding of the challenges and responsibilities that come with maintaining a vital resource. When Mr. Buller's health began to decline, Sherwin rose to the occasion, ensuring that the water system continued functioning optimally, demonstrating his commitment to the community and the mission of East Allen Water Works. In 2017, the Board recognized Sherwin's dedication and expertise, appointing him as the manager of East Allen Water Works. Sherwin's commitment to providing clean and safe water has not only enhanced the quality of life for residents but has also fostered a sense of trust and reliability within the community.

North	South
Water System Grade (Letter/Percentage)	A = 100%
Member Type & #	ACT 693
LA 1003611	

ACT 515
LA 1161012

B=87% ✓

LRWA Annual Awards Nomination

Form Deadline to Apply is March 7, 2025

Award Categories (place "X" next to award category of your choice)		System Awards	
Individual Awards			Water System
	H.M. "Skooter" Vickers Award		Wastewater System
	Outstanding Office Person		Energy Conservation System
	Outstanding Office Person		Source Water Protection System
X	Water System Operations Specialist (Operator) - South		Private System
	Wastewater System Operations Specialist (Operator)		Water Conservation & Re-use

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Complete for ALL Awards Nominations

System Name: ST. MARY PARISH W+S COMM #5 / GLENCOE WATER

System mailing address: 1572 CYPREMOAT RD.

City: JEANERETTE State: LA Zip: 70544

Physical address: SAME

Phone number: (337) 940-4120 ^{office} Email: WATERMAN5@COX.NET

Name & title of person submitting nomination: ANTHONY JORDAN OPERATOR/REPAIRMAN

Complete for SYSTEM Awards Nominations

Name of system being nominated: ST. MARY PARISH W+S COMM #5

How long has system been in operation? SINCE 1968

of employees? THREE How many customers are served by the system? 79

Has system ever been out of compliance? If yes, when and for what reason?
NO

Complete for INDIVIDUAL Awards Nominations

Name of individual being nominated: RICKY B. SAUCIER

Title/Position with system: SUPERINTENDENT/OPERATOR

How long has nominee worked in water/wastewater industry? 48 YEARS

What level and type of Operator Certification does nominee hold?
CLASS III WATER + SEWER FIVE CERTIFICATIONS

To ensure your nomination is considered for an award, submit ALL required information by the deadline.

Awards Luncheon will be held Wednesday, July 16th in Lake Charles, LA.

This one is incomplete, no summary was submitted. I called Anthony Jordan and gave him until March 17th submit summary. He said he would.

Never rec'd. (initials)



337-201-1174

Water System Operations Specialist (Operator) 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) 801-9025

--- Email --- cefreeman@stpgov.org

--- Name of person submitting nomination --- Chad Freeman, Field Crew Lead/ Fernando Davis, Compliance Supv

--- Title of person submitting nomination --- Field Crew Lead

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

--- Name of individual being nominated: --- **Nathan Besse**

--- Title/Position with system: --- **Operator 3**

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

--- What level and type of Operator Certification does nominee hold? --- Level 3 for Water Production & Level 3 for Waste Water Treatment

Chad Freeman--- What do you believe entitles this individual to receive this award? --- Nathan's time, dedication & attention to the smallest of details in providing safe drinking water for the public is admirable. He brings a strong attribute to our team day in and day out. Is always willing to work at all hours to ensure the safety of our residents that we serve

--- Provide a brief work background on the individual being nominated --- Nathan has a stellar craftsmanship in the day to day operations for the utilities.

Fernando Davis--- What do you believe entitles this individual to receive this award? --- Nathan is one of the most dedicated operators I have ever worked with. He is not one to take shortcuts and likes to make sure things are done correctly even if it means working late. He has always completed any tasks assigned to him and will go out of his way to help others complete their tasks as well. Nathan is always the first person to offer his assistance and is always willing to help customers resolve any water issues which they may have. Nathan also trains and mentors any new water operators that join the department. He has taken it upon himself to ensure that all the required documents are properly filled out daily and organized, meters are validated, and that operators are completing their required trainings.

--- Provide a brief work background on the individual being nominated --- Nathan has worked for the department for over 6 years as a water operator on the Water Quality Crew, which operate and maintain the water wells, sites, perform flushing, and respond to any water quality complaints. Before working with the Parish, Nathan worked as a wastewater operator for various other public and private agencies.

North	South
Water System Grade (Letter/Percentage)	A = 100%
Member Type & #	ACT 10 70
LA 210 3113 1103184	multiple systems w/ average letter grade being 100

ACT/10 - 1104
LA 1105008

A=95%



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			Wastewater System
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Water System Operations Specialist (Operator) - South		Private System
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Complete for ALL Awards Nominations		
System Name: Tangipahoa Water District		
System mailing address: 46463 N Morrison Blvd PO Box 699		
City: Hammond	State: LA	Zip: 70401
Physical address: 46463 N Morrison Blvd Hammond, LA. 70401		
Phone number: (985)345-6457	Email: bruce.bordelon@tangiwater.com	
Name & title of person submitting nomination: Bruce Bordelon Board Secretary		
Complete for SYSTEM Awards Nominations		
Name of system being nominated:		
How long has system been in operation?		
# of employees?	How many customers are served by the system?	
Has system ever been out of compliance? If yes, when and for what reason?		
Complete for INDIVIDUAL Awards Nominations		
Name of individual being nominated: Charles Schlicher		
Title/Position with system: Executive Director		
How long has nominee worked in water/wastewater industry? 40 Years		
What level and type of Operator Certification does nominee hold? Class 4 Water Production, Distribution and Treatment		

To ensure your nomination is considered for an award, submit
ALL required information by the deadline.

Awards Luncheon will be held Wednesday, July 16th in Lake Charles, LA.



Charles Schlicher
Executive Director

TANGIPAHOA WATER DISTRICT

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Commissioner

Jeremiah Davis
Commissioner

March 7, 2025

LA Rural Water Association
P.O. Box 180
Kinder, LA 70648
mardoin@lrwa.org

The Commissioners of Tangipahoa Water District desire to nominate Charles Schlicher for the Water Systems Operation Specialist (Operator) award for the Louisiana Rural Water Association. We believe his leadership and outstanding service to the Water District and the employees of Tangipahoa Water District are a few qualifications worthy of this award. A resolution was presented and approved at the March 3, 2025 board meeting and is attached.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Bordelon", is written over the name of the signatory.

Bruce Bordelon, Secretary

TANGIPAHOA WATER DISTRICT
RESOLUTION

At a duly noticed public meeting of the Tangipahoa Water District held on March 3, 2025, where a quorum of members was present, the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the District desire to recognize Charles Schlicher for his leadership and outstanding service to the Water District and the employees of the Tangipahoa Water District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the District hereby nominate Charles Schlicher for the Water Systems Operation Specialist (Operator) Award for the Louisiana Rural Water Association and the Tangipahoa Water District for Water System of the Year Award.

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Tangipahoa Water District in regular session in Hammond, Louisiana on March 3, 2025.



Bruce Bordelon, Secretary



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Commissioner

Charles Schlicher, Director of Tangipahoa Water District and a class four certified water operator in water production, water distribution and water treatment, has almost forty years of water industry experience, with thirty-five of those years employed by Tangipahoa Water District.

Charles began his public service in 1985 as a maintenance technician for Tangipahoa Water District. At that time, the District had approximately 4500 customers, 7 production wells and about 20 employees. Charles diligently worked for the district until 1993, when he went to work for a private water well contractor. In 1998, he was asked to come back to work for the Tangipahoa Water District and he agreed, but this time he worked on the production side and was promoted to Production Supervisor. By 1999, he earned his class four certifications in water production, distribution and treatment and has maintained them for 26 Years. During his time as Production Supervisor, Charles was instrumental in executing major improvements within the Water District, including building and implementing a SCADA system for the 10 productions wells. His knowledge of water systems and technology is paramount in saving the District and customers money by utilizing his technical abilities in-house, rather than paying for these services externally. Additionally, he oversaw upgrading water meters from manually read meters to a drive-by/fixed meter reading system. Charles was promoted to Director of Tangipahoa Water District in 2017, which had grown to around 20,000 customers, 18 production wells, 28 employees and almost seven million in water revenue. Most recently in 2024, Charles oversaw the absorption of a troubled water system of approximately 750 customers and is in the process of constructing a new 750 GPM well and a 500,000 gallon elevated tank and several miles of new water lines with an 8 million dollar bond issuance. Upgrades to this troubled water system also included the installation of new generators with automatic transfer switches on the two production wells to bring them in line with water industry standards and technology. Because of his management and dedication, the current Tangipahoa Water District system has over 26,000 customers on five internal water systems, with the largest division having over 23,800 customers. These water systems received an "A" grade from Louisiana Department of Health Safe Drinking Water Program for 2023. LDH determines letter grades based on 7 standards evaluating the infrastructure, accountability, and overall health risk of drinking water to consumers. The District also operates 21 production wells with SCADA systems, employs 28 employees and collects annually almost twelve million in operating water revenue. With long range planning and diligent management, Charles was able to construct a new office building, debt free! The building is in the final stages of completion and is a symbol of fiscal responsibility and proper planning for future growth. Charles has accomplished all of this while still maintaining some of the lowest water rates in the state of Louisiana.

Because Charles maintains great relationships within the community and other government agencies, he is often called upon and is instrumental in planning for and responding to emergencies. Charles Schlicher's knowledge, experience, dedication, and fiscal responsibility has, and will continue to have, a lasting impact on the water community and all those served by the Tangipahoa Water District.

Bruce Bordelon
Secretary, Tangipahoa Water District

Water System Operations Specialist (Operator) Award

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

--- Address (provide mailing and physical) --- 4432 HWY 451, PO BOX 64 BORDELONVILLE, LA 71320, MOREAUVILLE, LA 71355

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

--- Email --- waterworksdist1@gmail.com

--- Name of person submitting nomination --- Sandra Mayeux

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

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

--- Name of individual being nominated: --- **Linster Guillot**

--- Title/Position with system: --- **Operator**

--- How long has nominee worked in water/wastewater industry? --- 25 years

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

--- What do you believe entitles this individual to receive this award? --- Lin is the Operator in charge at Avoyelles Waterworks District # 1 of Bordelonville since 2022. Our previous Operator was seriously injured in an accident and Lin took over all the responsibilities of Operating a water system and with his expertise and knowledge he has done a great job running the water system. I believe he is very deserving of this award as he is and has always been a hard worker and very conscientious of his job, his community and his family. Lin is also the Vice President of the Avoyelles Water Operators Group and has been an active member of the group since it began in the 90's. Lin is very knowable about what it takes to operate a water system.

--- Provide a brief work background on the individual being nominated --- Lin worked for a previous water system for 10 years, worked for a cable company for 9 years and now has been employed with Avoyelles Waterworks District #1 of Bordelonville for 15 years.

Lin farmed part time during these years. Lin is also an Active Member of the Mansura Fire Department and a member of The Knights of Columbus Council # 4010.

North	South
Water System Grade (Letter/Percentage)	A = 100%
Member Type & #	ACT 211
LA1009002	

Water System Operations Specialist (Operator) Award

- System/Facility Name --- **Waterworks District # 2 Parish of Beauregard**
- Address (provide mailing and physical) --- P.O. 97 , Singer, LA, 70660
- Office Phone (copy) --- (337) 462-6805
- Email --- beauwater2@gmail.com
- Name of person submitting nomination --- Shirley Bagwell/ Brooke Burge/Tiffany Mitchell
- Title of person submitting nomination --- Executive Director/Asst Dir, DeQuincy Housing Authority/Office Clerk
- Legal operating name of system individual is employed with: --- DeQuincy Housing Authority
- Name of individual being nominated: --- **Mathieu Rose**
- Title/Position with system: --- **Maintenance Operation Supervisor**
- How long has nominee worked in water/wastewater industry? --- 9 years
- What level and type of Operator Certification does nominee hold? --- Level 2/3

Shirley Bagwell--- What do you believe entitles this individual to receive this award? --- His dedication and service to his employer. He goes above and beyond his duties to fulfill his obligations to the company.

--- Provide a brief work background on the individual being nominated --- He gives 100% plus to his job. Dependable maintenance professional. Mentored junior maintenance professionals to provide instructions on correct repair procedures. Evaluated systems in use to uncover problems, complete maintenance, and recommend solutions. Coordinates with outside vendors to prepare for large mechanic installations and complex repairs.

Brooke Burge -- --- What do you believe entitles this individual to receive this award? --- Mathieu is a very hard worker. He goes out of his way to service and maintain his water system no matter the circumstances, rain, snow, or hurricane. Not only do I have a working relationship with Mathieu, I live in the Town of Singer no matter what comes their way we are never without water when fires, ice, or weather threaten their system he is on top of it all. He has positive attitude towards much criticism he faces when we do have a small outage. Singer water and the singer community are blessed to have him.

--- Provide a brief work background on the individual being nominated --- He started at Singer Water nine years ago at the bottom and has continued his water education to become the water supervisor. Not only does he supervise his employees now, he has and still continues to do anything necessary while in the field. Provides detailed instructions to his employees. He makes sure that the equipment that is needed is ordered and kept in working order. Provides daily schedules of all call outs and maintenance procedures. Oversees day to day operations of water treatment and distribution systems. Responds to emergencies no matter the time day or night. Coordinated with other departments as well as his own to ensure safe drinking water. A team leader to his employees not only in words but example. The responsibilities of staff management, maintenance, emergency response, project management, budgets, and great customer service all the hats that Mathieu manages well.

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

--- What do you believe entitles this individual to receive this award? --- As an Office Clerk, I have seen the amount of hard work that Mathieu puts in every day. He is continually working to better our system. He tries to find ways to cut costs and the most efficient ways to get a job done well. Despite a difficult time last year where he was injured, he was back to work quickly. He did not let his injury get him down and continued to work hard for our water system. He is well liked and respected by his coworkers and customers.

--- Provide a brief work background on the individual being nominated --- He has worked for our WWD#2 Parish of Beauregard for 9 years.

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



Water System Operations Specialist (Operator) Award

--- System/Facility Name --- **Waterworks District No 5 of Beauregard Parish**

--- Address (provide mailing and physical) --- 3189 Hwy 389, Merryville, LA, 70653

--- Office Phone (copy) --- (337) 825-8861

--- Cell Phone --- (337) 343-6417

--- Email --- waterworksdist5@aol.com

--- Name of person submitting nomination --- Jeni Forsberg-Carroll, District Office Manager/

--- Legal operating name of system individual is employed with: --- Waterworks District No 5 of Beauregard Parish, State of Louisiana

--- Name of individual being nominated: --- **Herman Dale Franks**

--- Title/Position with system: --- **Certified Operator**

--- How long has nominee worked in water/wastewater industry? --- 45+ years

--- What level and type of Operator Certification does nominee hold? --- Mr. Dale is a level 1 certified operator for our rural water system.

--- What do you believe entitles this individual to receive this award? --- Mr. Dale is such a blessing for our system. He is constantly out surveying, fixing lines, marking lines, and scheduling repairs. He marks lines, reads meters, takes daily master meter reads, helps with customer care & so much more. He's the lone certified operator for our system- so he does it all & so much more.

--- Provide a brief work background on the individual being nominated --- Mr. Dale has a very strong background in water system operations, but also has an extensive history with Boise & local fire department volunteering. At 76, he doesn't let his physical limitations stop him from doing all he does. I look up to him so much. I have the utmost respect for him & I know our board of commissioners agrees. He'd be an excellent candidate for such an award. Thank you so much for considering him for this opportunity.

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