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Rowan Wins Dakota Electric's Township Leader Award

FARMINGTON, Minn. (Oct. 8, 2020) — Dakota Electric Association recently awarded Tony Rowan, Greenvale Township supervisor, the Outstanding Township Leader of the Year award. Each year, Dakota Electric seeks to recognize outstanding leadership with the award, and Dakota Electric directors Bill Middlecamp and Margaret Schreiner virtually attended the Dakota County Township Officers Association meeting to present the award to Rowan.

“It was unexpected, and I appreciate it very much,” Rowan said.

Rowan, a life-long township resident, is relatively new to township service, having served for just 2-1/2 years, but has jumped in and helped the township in significant ways. He has been proactive in addressing noxious weed issues. He has worked to secure funding and help to eliminate noxious weeds and been a key communicator on the issue. He has inventoried aging infrastructure in need of repairs and has spearheaded bringing together property owners to provide easements for bridge repair.

“Thanks to his initiative,” Linus Langer, Township Clerk, said, “we are going to be able to take care of culverts in a timely and cost-effective manner.”

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“He has committed his time and talent working with local multi-township collaboration groups securing funds and providing outreach,” Linus said. “His initiatives have woken us to many important opportunities, and we are ever grateful for his dedication to the township and neighbors.”

Rowan was awarded \$250 to donate to a charity of his choice, which he designated to go toward the local chapter of Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, which supports military personnel and their families.

“People who serve the local townships are very dedicated to their communities,” Peggy Johnson, Dakota Electric’s community relations director, said. “As a member-owned cooperative, Dakota Electric is pleased to help recognize people like Tony who do outstanding work.”

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Caption: Tony Rowan stands outside of the Greenvale Township Hall.