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Bud Spillman Named George Warren Fuller Award Recipient from the AWWA Rocky Mountain Section

Cheyenne, WY – Bud Spillman, former City of Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities (Board) Water Treatment Manager, received the George Warren Fuller Award from the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) this month. Established in 1937, the Fuller Award is the highest honor given to water industry professionals by AWWA in recognition for their service to the water field and in commemoration of sound engineering skills, diplomatic talent, and constructive leadership. Spillman will receive national recognition at the annual AWWA conference (ACE20) in Orlando, Florida in June 2020.

Spillman began in engineering classes at Oregon State University and attended a Marine Engineer's Beneficial Association (a union trade school) focusing on steam propulsion and auxiliary systems including a 12 months adventure at sea. Bud landed in Wyoming as an operator at the Jim Bridger Power Plant and migrated to the Board working 21 years in the drinking water industry. He was instrumental in designing and constructing the Board's current R.L. Sherard Water Treatment Plant.

Though retired from the Board in 2013, Spillman has lived by his motto which is: "Can't" is not part of the equation for any circumstance." He has shown that motto by providing guidance to Wyoming's water utilities, training other water treatment operators and representing Wyoming at the Rocky Mountain Section of AWWA (RMSAWWA).

"Bud Spillman is a leader in the water industry. He has been and continues to be a dedicated person on protecting Wyoming's public health through drinking water," stated the Board's Director, Brad Brooks. "We are proud of Bud's accomplishments and congratulate him as the recipient of the prestigious 2019 Fuller Award for Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico."

RMSAWWA is the largest non-profit, science-based organization for drinking water professionals in the world. Spillman chaired RMSAWWA from 2016-2017 which covers Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico and has over 2,200 members.

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