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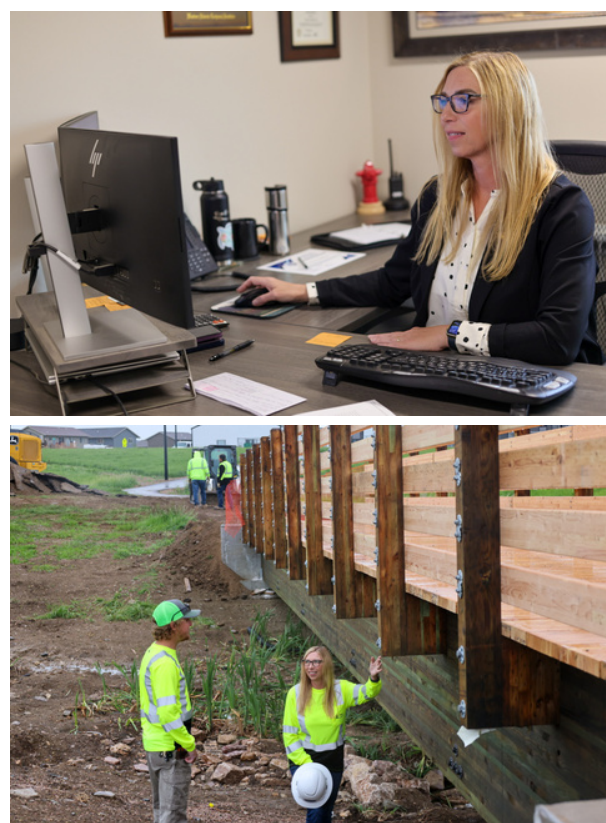


Assistant Public Works Director Cassie Furchner Earns Prestigious Certified Public Works Professional-Management Designation

Box Elder, South Dakota - City of Box Elder, Assistant Public Works Director, Cassie Furchner has earned the Certified Public Works Professional – Management (CPWP-M) designation from the American Public Works Association (APWA). The CPWP-M designation is to recognize individuals in the public works field who have the knowledge and experience to effectively manage departments within a public works agency. Furchner is the only woman in South Dakota to currently hold this distinguished certification, marking a significant milestone for both the state and the advancement of women in public service leadership.



Cassie Furchner standing beside Fox Borough Bridge Project.



Cassie Furchner has several years of experience in municipal Public Works, specializing in operations, budgeting, compliance, and resource planning. As Assistant Public Works Director for the City of Box Elder, she oversees streets, utilities, parks, fleet, facility maintenance, and budget management. Her role includes both human and capital resource planning to support efficient and reliable delivery of essential municipal services that ensure community safety and quality of life. She previously served with the City of Rapid City's Public Works Department, contributing to capital improvement planning and regulatory compliance. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Technical Occupations from Chadron State College and an Associate's degree in Business Management & Marketing from Western Dakota Tech.

To obtain the CPWP-M designation, candidates must have three years of public works supervisory experience and prove their ability to manage a public works department. Candidates must prove competence in the areas of communication, budget and finance, human resource management, administrative operations, procurement and contract administration, project management, asset management, and emergency management, all while displaying an overall understanding of basic public works operations. "We are incredibly proud that Cassie has earned this certification through the American Public Works Association," said Bruce Martin, Public Works Director for the City of Box Elder. "This achievement is a testament to her dedication, professionalism, and commitment to excellence in public service. APWA certifications are a nationally recognized standard of expertise, and Cassie's success reflects not only her personal efforts but also the high standards we strive for throughout our organization. Congratulations to Cassie on this well-deserved accomplishment."

The Certified Public Works Professional program was launched by APWA in August 2018, and has continued to grow and gain recognition in the years following. For more information about the program, please contact the APWA certification team at certification@apwa.org.