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Dakota Resources Announces New President After Nationwide Search

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, RENNER, SD--After a thorough executive search, Dakota Resources announces that Joe Bartmann has been named President of the non-profit organization. Dakota Resources is a widely recognized leader in rural economic and community development, based in Renner, South Dakota.

“I believe right now is the time for rural communities to be bold, to be visionary and to be more than we ever thought possible,” says Joe. “More than ever, I’m committed to helping local people do the best work of their lives for their rural communities.”

Bartmann was recommended for the position by executive search firm Ballinger|Leafblad, Inc., who reached out to potential applicants across the Midwest and the nation. After an extensive selection process, the firm’s recommendation was approved by the Dakota Resources Board of Directors in late March, and Joe’s appointment became effective April 1.

Bartmann’s experience includes three years as Vice President of Community Innovation at Dakota Resources, where he led the organization’s local rural leadership development initiatives. He is an experienced non-profit executive, facilitator, community coach and economic development leader. Joe is passionate about empowering rural leaders and their communities through capital and leadership development. He was also recently selected as one of just twenty-five BALLE Local Economy Fellows chosen from an international pool of rural leaders in 2018.

“Joe was always at the top of our list of qualified candidates, but we wanted to take the extra steps to make sure we were doing due diligence to Dakota Resources,” says Jon Farris, Chair of the Dakota Resources Board of Directors. “The search process gave us full confidence that Joe is indeed the right person for the job.”

The appointment follows the retirement of former President Beth Davis, who successfully grew Dakota Resources through twenty years of leadership.

“I could not be more honored and excited to lead Dakota Resources right now,” says Joe. “I have a talented team of people around me, and a lot of supporters of this organization who care deeply about rural South Dakota. We are thrilled to take this work to the next level, with some fresh ways of thinking and an expanded scope of tools and resources for rural communities.”

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