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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD NAMES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPLACEMENT

Curtis Brown, Community Development Director and Assistant City Administrator of the City of Blue Earth for over two years, has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Mason City Economic Development Corporation.

Brown was offered the job after nearly 15 applications were screened by the board of directors in search of an executive director to replace Dan Culhane who resigned in March to accept the position of Executive Director with the Ames Chamber of Commerce and Ames Economic Development Commission.

“Brown has gained valuable experience working for the city of Blue Earth and comes to us highly recommended for the position. His background in community development coupled with his previous work experience with the state of Minnesota

made him a great choice,” says Keith Sersland, President of the Mason City Economic Development Corporation. During his tenure, the city of Blue Earth has seen a number of changes, among those being the addition of Express Diagnostics International and Aerospace Systems to the community, as well as the long-term lease of one of the Economic Development Authority’s industrial speculation buildings to Nuvex Ingredients. Brown and the boards he serves have worked on efforts at downtown stabilization, enhanced cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and Blue Earth Industrial Service Company and improved zoning and building maintenance regulations.

Board member and MCEDC Vice President Jim Morrow, said “we are eager to continue to build on a very strong foundation and look forward to Mr. Brown joining the team already in place with Ken Bales and Angela Determan.”

Brown notes, “I am looking forward to beginning my work with the Mason City EDC next month. Everything I have learned about the city and the EDC has shown me that the people of Mason City are committed to doing what it takes to ensure a positive future for the community and the area, and I am honored to be able to join that effort. I look forward to meeting and working with the existing businesses we already have in place, while working to continue efforts with prospects looking to locate in Mason City. I am very excited to accept the position and my family and I are looking forward to moving to Mason City.”

Brown is scheduled to begin his duties in Mason City on June 14 according to Sersland.

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