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First Nebraska Bank Announces Leadership Change

The First Nebraska Bank Board of Directors, on June 25, 2024, continued the implementation of its previously approved succession plan by appointing Chris Ott as chief executive officer, effective July 1, 2024. Ott will have responsibilities as president and CEO that encompass the day-to-day management of First Nebraska Bank.

Lydell Woodbury will be stepping away from the day-to-day decision making of First Nebraska Bank, but will retain his role on the board of directors and will continue as Chair of the Board of Directors.

"I am really excited for Chris and look forward to seeing the continued growth and success of First Nebraska Bank in the future. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all of you individually for the excellent working relationship we have developed and maintained over my career at First Nebraska Bank. While I am not 'going away' I will be assuming a reduced schedule beginning August 1, 2024," said Woodbury.

"I am humbled and honored to serve as president and CEO for First Nebraska Bank. My goal is to build upon the established growth plan that the board has in place. First Nebraska Bank has increased our digital banking channels and provided financial education opportunities for our customers while ensuring a progressive workplace for our associates. I am excited to continue to evolve our products and services," said Ott.

About First Nebraska Bank

First Nebraska Bank is a locally owned full-service community bank with 12 central and eastern Nebraska locations. The bank's history in Nebraska can be traced back to 1879. As a result, the shareholder's roots are firmly planted in Nebraska and in the communities the bank serves. Today, First Nebraska Bank is proud that its commitment to the success of its customers and the economic growth of the communities served has remained strong for more than a century. First Nebraska Bank has full-service branches in Arcadia, Bennet, Brainard, Columbus, Decatur, Elkhorn, Emerson, Nebraska City, Stanton, Valley, and Weeping Water and a loan production office in Norfolk. For more information, please visit www.firstnebraska.bank