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**Greater Mankato Growth Elects New Board Members**

MANKATO, Minn. (March 10, 2010) – On March 9 the members of Greater Mankato Growth, Inc. (GMG) elected new directors to the GMG Board. The new members of the Greater Mankato Growth board and the sectors they represent are:

Primary Economy: Michael Klehr, Vice President–Sales, Minnesota Elevator Inc.  
Ian Carlstrom, Vice President, Robert W. Carlstrom Co. Inc.  
Jim Marzolf, Agribusiness Consultant, LarsonAllen

Professional Services: Todd Loosbrock, President, U.S. Bank

Retail/Hospitality: Joe Meidl, President/Owner, The Music Mart

Higher Education: Keith Stover, President, South Central College

At-Large: Jennifer Pfeffer, Executive Director, Pathstone Living

Loosbrock, Stover and Pfeffer served previously on the GMG Board of Directors.

The formal structure of the board includes a diverse representation of sectors, including 5 Primary Economy seats, 5 Professional Services seats, 3 Retail & Hospitality seats, 2 Higher Education seats and 4 members at large.

The GMG membership also approved a resolution to add Ex Officio representation on the board to include additional affiliate entities of GMG. Similar to the Mankato City Manager seat on the board, the following affiliate entity positions now have seats: Chair of the Greater Mankato Convention & Visitors Bureau (Shirley Piepho), Chair of the City Center Partnership Council (Andrew Willaert) and Chair and Vice Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Regional Economic Development Agreement (Jim Beal and John Howard). These representations are classified as ex officio Directors with voting rights, but are not eligible to serve as offers of the organization.

Greater Mankato Growth (GMG) is the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development organization serving the regional marketplace. GMG is committed to advancing business for a stronger community through: existing business support, new business growth, business promotion, talent development, public affairs, community marketing, visitor attraction and servicing and civic engagement.

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