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NWILED ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGES

HANOVER – Northwest Illinois Economic Development (NWILED) is pleased to announce David Schmit as Interim Executive Director following the departure of Emily Legel.

Legel had been the Executive Director of NWILED since July 2019. Emily is pursuing a new opportunity within the economic development industry elsewhere; her final day with the company was February 18, 2022 and we wish her the best of luck. Schmit joined NWILED in September 2020 as the organization's program coordinator. In his new role, he will work in tandem with the NWILED Board of Director to advance the organization's mission and strategic goals.

Joe Mattingley, vice chair of the NWILED Board of Directors commented, "I and the board are wholeheartedly thankful to Emily Legel for her great service to NWILED. Her efforts have positively impacted numerous businesses, led to the partnership and administration of the Genz Memorial Investment Fund, in addition to many key projects and initiatives. I also want to thank David Schmit for accepting the Interim Executive Director position while the board works through the selection of its next Executive Director. His close familiarity of NWILED's operations and programs will help ensure business continuity during this interim period."

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