Wright County Economic Development Partnership
Partnering for Opportunities

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A Letter from the Chair

As we head into the final few months of the year, I wanted to share a few updates on what has been happening at WCEDP and, more importantly, where we are headed.

First, thank you to everyone who helped make our recent golf fundraiser at Fox Hollow Golf Club in St. Michael such a success. We are especially grateful to Guardian Angels, our Premier Sponsor, along with all of our sponsors, volunteers, partners, and golfers who came out and supported the event. We had a great turnout, and more than anything, it was good to see so many people from around Wright County together in one place. Events like this give us a chance to reconnect, build relationships, and continue the conversations that help move our businesses and communities forward.

Our Leadership Search

Our search for the next leader of WCEDP is progressing well, with several high quality candidates currently at different stages of the process. Because our board is made up entirely of volunteers, finding the right person is critical. We need someone with boots on the ground every day, building relationships, following up on opportunities, and helping move initiatives forward.

Our next leader will also spend time listening to our cities, businesses, investors, and regional partners to better understand where WCEDP can have the greatest impact. From there, the goal will be to identify and prioritize the strategies and initiatives that can help drive economic growth across Wright County.

Ways to Connect

We also have a couple of upcoming opportunities to get together. On October 29, we will be hosting a Lunch and Learn featuring Della Ludwig from Minnesota DEED and Morgan Hill from Greater MSP. Della will be sharing information about opportunities and resources available through DEED, while Morgan will provide an update on future initiatives and opportunities through Greater MSP. The event will be located at Monticello Community Center, North Mississippi Room, 505 Walnut St. Monticello, MN 55362 from 11:30am to 1:00pm.

We also hope you will mark your calendar for our Annual Holiday Celebration on December 10 at the St. Michael Cinema, sponsored by CRS. More information and invitations for both events will be coming soon, and I hope to see many of you there!

Looking Ahead

WCEDP is in an important period of transition, and with that comes questions. It also gives us the opportunity to make sure we are focused on what our cities, businesses, and partners need most. I welcome your thoughts and ideas, and I hope you will be part of the conversation about what comes next. Please feel free to reach out to me at rob.stark@edwardjones.com.

Thank you for your continued support of WCEDP and for the many ways you help strengthen Wright County. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events and continuing the conversation in the months ahead.

In service,

Rob