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MASON CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
NAMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS

MASON CITY – The Mason City Economic Development Corporation announced new board members and officers at its annual meeting yesterday.

Mason City Public Schools Superintendent Keith Sersland introduced and recognized outgoing board members Dr. Jim Coddington, Mason City Mayor Jean Marinos and Bob Hubbard, Curries Company, for their years of service.

Newly appointed board members include Larry Haugen, Door Plant Profit Center Manager with Curries; Kristy Marquis, State Farm agent; John Michel, Plant Manager Kraft Foods; Dr. Mike Morrison, President of NIACC; and Marti Rodamaker, President of First Citizens National Bank were introduced by Vice President Jim Morrow.

Rodamaker, President of First Citizens National Bank and current president of the Mason City Chamber of Commerce assumes the Chamber's seat on the MCEDC board replacing outgoing Chamber president John Michel.

Board members assist the Mason City Economic Development Corporation in fulfilling its mission to promote and facilitate job creation and capital investment in the Mason City Region by encouraging the retention and expansion of existing businesses and attracting new business and industry to the community.

Keynote speaker for the annual meeting, held at the Hanford Inn in Mason City where over 130 people were in attendance, was Bob Carlson Jr. the CEO of Quadion Corporation the holding company for Minnesota Rubber. Carlson spoke on the "Mason City Difference" alluding to the work ethic of the Minnesota Rubber employees and Mason City work force.

Angela Determan, Project Manager for the Mason City EDC said, "2005 saw economic activity increase with three companies locating in Mason City; R. J. Corman Derailment Services, Intradyn Inc. and LXI Corporation cumulatively bringing over 100 jobs to Mason City in the next three years as well as

major capital investment by Lehigh, Kraft Foods, ConAgra Foods and Golden Grain Energy totaling over \$166 million.”

“With Freedom Fuels announcing their plans to place a \$44 million biodiesel facility on the west side of Mason City, coupled with the other activity of the past 12 months, we are very pleased and feel the MCEDC is definitely moving in the right direction,” said Dan Culhane, Executive Director of the MCEDC. “The board is looking forward to working with the newly elected city officials and in the coming year, board members will work to increase funding mechanisms for the MCEDC, marketing of the newly annexed 1200 acres on the south side of Mason City, further develop the regional marketing partnership with the North Central Iowa Growth Partnership – Marketing Alliance, and increasing the organization’s reach and partnerships, as well as recruiting more volunteers for development efforts.

For more information on the Mason City Mason City Economic Development Corporation or a copy of the 2005 annual report, please go to www.masoncityedc.com.

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