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Cass County EDC welcomes new board members

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“My goal in joining the Economic Development Corporation Board is to help further the great work I have witnessed being done to promote business and job growth in Cass County,” stated Les Spitzack. “I believe it is time for me to give back to the community what I can through this organization.”

Both Spitzack and Dan Meier of Cass Company Insurance were newly elected to the Cass County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) Board in 2011.

Spitzack, owner of Spitzack Builders, Inc. of Walker, has been a self-employed business owner for the past 41 years in the Walker area — first as a resort owner on Leech Lake and most recently in the construction field. He currently employs 10 full-time workers and will bring a great wealth of knowledge in business, job creation and tourism to the board. He is a member of the Mid-Minnesota Builders Association and also the National Home Builders Association.

Meier, owner of Cass Company Insurance of Hackensack and Pine River, grew up in the area and has a great knowledge of the communities and the people who live here. He is a member of Society of Insurance Counselors, Professional Insurance Agents and Minnesota Independent Insurance Agents. He wanted to run for a board position “to continue to serve and strengthen our business community!”

Existing board members Jim Tertin and Cy Struss were re-elected to board positions. All will serve three years in this volunteer capacity. The Cass County Economic Development Corporation board provides planning, oversight and promotion at the organization.

Struss has served on this board since 2000. He has seen many changes in the organization in those years with new staff, goals and projects.

Over the years he has served in the positions of vice president and president and continued as a board member for another three years to see the good work go on.

“I would like to continue to see new capital investment and new jobs area created in our market place,” Struss stated.

Tertin, director of manufacturing, Magnum Research of Pillager, has served on the Cass County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors since 2009. His and the board’s goal is always consistent. “We want to help create jobs.” He has 39 years of experience in the firearms industry and moved his business to Cass County in 2000.

Dave Holk of Walker was elected president, Bill Palmer of Essentia Health will serve as vice president, Lanny Scarcy of Scarcy and Associates is secretary and Jay Cline of Woodland Bank is treasurer. Other board members include Bob Goggleye, Marie Rose and three ex-officio members from Cass County.

“I am very excited to work with this talented group. So much can be accomplished with their well-rounded business and community experience,” stated EDC Executive Director Gail Leverson.

The Cass County EDC is a community nonprofit corporation with the mission to “Improve the business environment of Cass County by encouraging a strong, diverse and sustainable economy and to build better relationships between business, government agencies and local communities.” Check www.casscountvedc.com for more information.