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Wheat Belt Public Power District Announces New CEO Placed by NRECA Executive Search

Sidney, Nebraska – 10/6/2025 – Wheat Belt Public Power District, a trusted provider of electricity in southwest NE, is pleased to announce Joseph Michalewicz as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) starting in January of 2026. Joseph's extensive experience and leadership acumen, coupled with the expertise of NRECA Executive Search, ensures a seamless transition and continued success for the public power district.

Joseph brings a distinguished background in the electric distribution industry most recently at Grand Valley Power, making him ideally suited to lead Wheat Belt into its next phase of growth and service excellence.

NRECA Executive Search played a pivotal role in identifying and securing Joseph Michalewicz for this critical leadership position. Leveraging their deep understanding of the electric public power and cooperative industry and their extensive network, NRECA Executive Search ensured that Wheat Belt Public Power District found a CEO who aligns with its values and vision for the future.

Commenting on the appointment, Brian Zimmerman, Chairman of the Board of Directors, said: "On behalf of the Wheat Belt Public Power District Board of Directors, I would like to thank NRECA Executive Search for their collaboration and I am confident in Joseph's abilities to lead the District in the days and years to come."

Wheat Belt Public Power District extends its sincere appreciation to NRECA Executive Search for their expertise and support throughout the CEO selection process.

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About Wheat Belt Public Power District:

Serving its customer in the southern panhandle of Nebraska, Wheat Belt Public Power District is committed to delivering electricity safely, reliably and efficiently by focusing on respecting individuals, producing quality work and valuing integrity for the greater good of our customers and employees.

About NRECA Executive Search:

NRECA Executive Search partners with public utility districts and cooperatives to identify and qualify senior leadership candidates, general managers, CEOs, and other senior leaders-who not only bring expertise but also align their values with their work. We believe that when leaders connect who they are with what they do, they make a greater impact on their organizations, communities, and the industry. Through expert guidance, in-depth assessments, and critical insights, we equip Boards of Directors with the information they need to select the leader who will best serve their organization, its employees, and its customers.

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