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**Mid-Minnesota Development Commission Welcomes
New Executive Director, Eric Day**

Organization Focused on Assisting Businesses National Emergency

March 2020: Longtime area resident Eric Day began serving as the Mid-Minnesota Development Commission's (MMDC) new Executive Director on March 26, 2020. He replaces long-time Executive Director Donn Winckler.

Day, who currently resides in Litchfield, is a 1994 ACGC graduate. He obtained a bachelor's degree in social work from Minnesota State University, Moorhead in 1998. His previous experience includes serving as a Truancy Prevention Specialist for Meeker County and as a Youth Employment Specialist, Youth Programs Manager, and Business Service Coordinator over the course of 13 years for Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services, Inc.

Established by state law in 1969, the MMDC is a Regional Development Commission that serves the counties of Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker and Renville. Headquartered in Willmar, the organization provides technical assistance to government entities, businesses, and local organizations. They also administer state and federal programs and coordinate multi-jurisdictional activities to improve economies, communities, and quality of life throughout the four counties.

For now, Day is focused on assisting businesses and other stakeholders during the current COVID-19 pandemic, while also advancing their regular MMDC initiatives. MMDC staff are engaged and are doing whatever they can to make sure our businesses are aware of the federal, state, and local resources intended to help them through this difficult time. While there are new opportunities coming to light daily and we're by no means experts in all of them, we're very willing to help anyone who is having trouble navigating these, sometimes confusing, programs. Those interested in this technical assistance can email Day directly at eric.day@mmdc.org.