

Press Release

Craig Knaack Joins Citizens State Bank's Board of Directors

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Citizens State Bank is pleased to welcome **Craig Knaack** to the bank's Board of Directors.

Craig brings an extensive background in Education Administration to the Board of Directors. Prior to joining the board, Craig served as Principal at Dakota Junior/Senior High School. He also managed several key positions over a period of 16 years at Highland Community College, including Director of Adult/Continuing Education; Director of Admissions and Records; Dean of Students; Vice President of Academic and Student Services; Vice President of Academic Services; and Interim President. Craig earned his Masters Degree in Educational Administration at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, and also holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics with a minor in business administration.

Craig is deeply involved with the communities served by Citizens State Bank. He has served as President of Norman C. Sleezer Youth Home in Freeport and as President of the Sunrise Rotary.

"Craig brings an immense amount of experience and insight, and will prove to be a valuable new asset to our Board of Directors," said Bank President Fritz Kuhlmeier. "We are excited to see what Craig will contribute to the future development of Citizens State Bank."

Citizens State Bank first opened its doors in Lena in the late 1800s, and opened its Stockton branch in 1998 and Freeport branch in 2008. Today Citizens State Bank maintains \$186 million in assets and \$128 million in loans and employs more than 50 full-time and part-time employees.