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Ben Leischner Joins Moline Regional Community Foundation Board

MOLINE, IL.— Moline Regional Community Foundation (MRCF) is pleased to welcome Ben Leischner to its Board of Directors. Leischner brings a strong record of public service and community leadership to the Board.

"Ben brings a wealth of personal and professional experience that will help guide the Foundation's vital philanthropic work throughout our community," said Paul Plagenz, President and CEO of MRCF.

Leischner joined the Quad Cities International Airport (QCIA) as Executive Director in 2018, where he led an ambitious roadmap to improve passenger experience. His work includes a major terminal upgrade and a renewed focus on infrastructure and accountability, positioning the airport as an essential economic engine for the region.

Before coming to the Quad Cities, Leischner spent seven years with the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, advancing through roles of increasing responsibility and most recently serving as Airport Operations Manager/Airline Scheduling Manager. He also brings prior experience from the Port of Bellingham, Bellingham International Airport, and DY Consultants.

Leischner holds a bachelor's degree in aviation management and flight operations from the Florida Institute of Technology and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Nebraska. He is an Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) through the American Association of Airport Executives and a commercial instrument pilot.

"I'm honored to join the Moline Regional Community Foundation Board and support its work strengthening our community," Leischner said. "I look forward to helping build on the Foundation's impact and investing in the people and organizations that make our region a great place to live and work." Ben Leischner, Executive Director, QCIA

About Moline Regional Community Foundation

Founded in 1953, MRCF partners with generous individuals to establish donor-advised funds, endowments, scholarships, and other grantmaking funds across a six-county region spanning Rock Island, Henry, Mercer, Henderson, and McDonough Counties in Illinois, and Scott County in Iowa — helping donors put their ***Giving Into Action!***