

**Village Bank Creates a Strong 2021 for Customers and Community**  
*Adds 3 additional Directors to board to expand perspective and support*

(Blaine, MN, April 27, 2021) – Village Bank is pleased to announce three new Board members, Michael Connly, Bruce Kimmel, and David Mitchell, who have joined the Board to enhance the Bank’s perspectives. Key areas of focus are; technology expertise, community growth, and local entrepreneurship. Don Kveton, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, and Aleesha Webb, President and Vice Chair of Village Bank, worked with their Village to select directors whose expertise and values align with Village Bank’s vision for a strong 2021.



**Michael Connly**, a former Chief Information Officer at Optum and Chief Technology Officer at United Health Group, is the unique combination of understanding “health and wealth”, two regulated industries. He currently serves on the Board of Directors at Fairview Health Services Board of Directors, University of Minnesota Dean’s Advisory Board, and now Village Bank’s Board of Directors. His expertise will aid in providing Bank customers with innovative and essential technology for a seamless and simple banking experience. Village

Bank will leverage Connly as the Bank looks to lead with technology to best serve local entrepreneurs and set them up for success in 2021 and beyond. Connly will assist the Bank in understanding delivery channels, supporting business, community, and job expansion. The growth opportunities he saw in Village Bank and his interest in increasing community vitality drew Connly to join the board.

**Bruce Kimmel**, a Senior Municipal Advisor at Elhers Companies, brings extensive bank board and municipal finance experience having served on the board for American National Bank & Western Bank, and ALCO’s committee. Kimmel has a great respect for Village Bank’s dedication to community banking. He believes that Village Bank is poised for great growth and opportunities today and in the future. In fact, this is exactly what attracted Kimmel to the Board of Directors. With a vast background in investments and liquidity, Kimmel will provide a unique perspective regarding what community businesses are currently experiencing, as well as, what they need from their community bank relationship. He believes that the foundation of community banking is helping businesses, organizations, and entrepreneurs realize their dreams.



**David Mitchell**, President & CEO of Heartland Tire and a long-time Village Bank customer, is a third-generation business owner who will provide perspective of main street entrepreneurs and business owners in the local community.

Mitchell has had a special place in his heart for community banks because of an experience his grandfather had with a community bank in the northern Minnesota mining community. The loan Mitchell’s grandfather received helped his company stay in business. As a business owner himself, Mitchell appreciates what Village Bank has done for his business and how they act as a business partner as he continues to grow Heartland Tire. To Mitchell, community banking means taking the time

to understand customers and what their needs are, as well as, starting relationships from a place of servitude for others.

“By sharing examples of successful community business partnerships with our #STRONG21 initiative, and by enhancing our experiences and skill sets from a Board of Directors level, we are reigniting energy into our community and building something special to further solidify a strong future,” shared Aleesha Webb. “Our Village is committed to encouraging growth, putting relationships first, supporting main street, and by doing so, we are genuinely excited for a #STRONG21 to be had by all.”

**About Village Bank:**

Village Bank is an entrepreneur’s bank founded in 1993 with a legacy of building strong communities through financial products and services. As a preferred SBA lender, Village Bank is helping local businesses and main street achieve their dreams. For more information on its products and services, visit [www.villagebankonline.bank](http://www.villagebankonline.bank). #CommunityBanking #FBCS #STRONG21

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