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PRAIRIE CAPITAL ADVISORS WELCOMES RICHARD SHUMA

OAKBROOK TERRACE, IL – June 17, 2016 – Prairie Capital Advisors, Inc., a leading corporate advisory and investment banking firm, is pleased to announce the hire of Richard Shuma as Managing Director. Mr. Shuma will primarily focus on Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) advisory services. The addition of Mr. Shuma is part of a larger initiative by Prairie Capital Advisors to expand the firm’s reach to prospective ownership transition clients and to enhance existing relationships.

“Dick has advised privately-held businesses on ownership transition alternatives for over 30 years. He has extensive ESOP knowledge and is a prominent member of the ESOP community,” said David Diehl, CEO at Prairie Capital Advisors. “We are very excited to have Dick join Prairie and look forward to the contributions he will make to our growing firm.”

Prior to joining Prairie Capital Advisors, Mr. Shuma was a Managing Director at BMO Harris Bank serving a wide range of functions in the Leveraged Finance/ Private Equity, Investment Banking, Senior Lending and General Advisory disciplines. He had been instrumental over the long term in bringing advice and counsel to middle market clients as head of BMO’s Financial Advisory Services Group and as the lead of BMO’s ESOP practice group. Mr. Shuma is a member of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Chapter of the ESOP Association and is an active member of the National Center for Employee Ownership (NCEO), The ESOP Association and Employee-Owned S Corporations of America (ESCA). Mr. Shuma holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Marquette University with further studies in the Mechanical Engineering discipline at the University of Illinois.

About Prairie Capital Advisors

Prairie is an employee owned company that offers investment banking, ESOP advisory and valuation services to support the growth and ownership transition strategies of middle-market companies. Headquartered in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois with offices in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cedar Rapids, Louisville and Philadelphia, the company is a leading advisor to closely-held companies nationwide. For more information, visit www.prairiecap.com.

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