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PRAIRIE CAPITAL ADVISORS WELCOMES MARK RUTLEDGE

OAKBROOK TERRACE, IL – December 20, 2016 – Prairie Capital Advisors, Inc., a leading corporate advisory and investment banking firm, is pleased to announce the hire of Mark Rutledge as Vice President. Mr. Rutledge will primarily focus on Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) advisory services. The addition of Mr. Rutledge is part of a larger initiative by Prairie Capital Advisors to expand and support the firm’s ownership transition clients and to enhance existing relationships.

“Mark brings decades of valuation experience to us,” said Michael McGinley, Director in Prairie’s Atlanta, Georgia office. “We are very excited to have Mark join Prairie and look forward to the contributions he will make to our firm.”

Prior to joining Prairie Capital Advisors, Mr. Rutledge was Director of Valuation Services at Smith & Howard. He performed financial advisory services for purposes of mergers and acquisitions, accounting and financial reporting, gift and estate, divestitures, small business loans, financing and collateral support, transactions negotiations, strategic planning, financial modeling, litigation support, and expert testimony. Before joining Smith & Howard, Mr. Rutledge served in valuation roles for American Appraisal Associates, Ernst & Young, Phillips Hitchner Group, Adams Capital, Inc., and Tidwell DeWitt, LLC performing valuations for a variety of purposes.

Mr. Rutledge is an Accredited Senior Appraiser of the American Society of Appraisers in Business Valuation and Machinery and Technical Services. He is also a member of the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts, the Institute of Business Appraisers, Association for Corporation Growth, Turnaround Management Association, Georgia Transplant Foundation and Atlanta Venture Forum. Mr. Rutledge received his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management from the University of Akron. He also holds an Associate of Applied Business degree in Data Processing.

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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