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Press Release

“Lloyd Co-op Board appoints new CEO”

April 15, 2019 - Lloydminster, AB/SK- The Board of Directors of Lloydminster and District Co-op (Lloyd Co-op) are pleased to announce Leanne Hawes as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Lloyd Co-op, effective immediately.

Following the retirement of Don Stephenson in 2018, a thorough search was conducted by the executive search firm Leaders International. Sherri Stephens, Board Secretary and Chair of the Recruitment Committee shared, “We are pleased to announce the appointment of Leanne Hawes to the position of CEO. Leanne’s proven commitment to our membership, employees, and community is second to none. She possesses a deep understanding of the Co-operative Retailing System (CRS), co-operative principles, and has a track record of success within our Association. The Board looks forward to a bright future with Leanne at the helm.”

Most recently, Hawes held the role of Interim CEO, in addition to her duties as Vice President of Operations. She has been with Lloyd Co-op for almost a decade; during which time she managed construction projects (including numerous renovations and new builds) valued at over \$30 million, oversaw the grocery and gas bar divisions, and supported sales growth from \$80 million per year to the most recent sales figures of over \$154 million for the fiscal year end of January 31, 2019.

“With gratitude, I would like to thank the Board for the opportunity to continue serving our membership as I take on the role of CEO,” expressed Hawes. “Lloyd Co-op will continue to invest in the community, and lead with excellence, integrity, and intent. With confidence, I know our teams will continue to make a difference in the lives of our members, and ensure a sense of local pride in our Co-op.”

A diversified co-operative retailer established in 1914, Lloyd Co-op has locations in Lloydminster, Lashburn, and Neilburg. Owned by over 19,000 members, Lloyd Co-op offers food, fuel, agro products and propane. Locally, Lloyd Co-op will pay back over \$4.5 million in cash and equity to members this May, the highest return ever recorded in their 105-year-long history. In 2018 Lloyd Co-op landed in the top 50 of Saskatchewan’s Top 100 Companies according to Saskatchewan Business Magazine, as well as was named a provincial finalist for an Achievement in Business Excellence (ABEX) award in Community Involvement from the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce.

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