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The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors have received notice of Isothermal Regional Commission Executive Director Scott Dadson's resignation effective February 6, 2021. Mr. Dadson has accepted the position of Executive Director for the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments in Salem Oregon, starting in February of this year. Dadson has been with the Commission since February of 2015.

"It has been an honor and privilege to serve this Board of Directors and the Membership of the Isothermal Region along with the excellent staff of professionals here at the Commission," said Dadson, "our journey together began six years ago this February. In the time since, we have worked to serve our membership with improved services, communication and convenings. I am proud of the work we have accomplished together and want to give credit, where credit is due. The credit goes to an active and engaged Board of Directors and their Executive Committee who has guided our efforts and supplied our resources. To a gifted and hard-working staff, who are committed to the clients, customers, members, and citizens that they serve. Their energy and cooperative spirit have pulled this organization up and helped to create worthy service."

Chairman Fred Baisden of the City of Saluda and Polk County said that "Mr. Dadson has led our COG to a strong position. We thank Scott for his leadership and management to build our Commission for the future." The Executive Committee has named Steve Lockett as the Interim Director effective with the departure of Dadson, while the Board reviews its options regarding permanent leadership. "We are committed to continuing the good work of the Commission and want to set the stage for moving forward in serving the needs of the membership and the Isothermal Region" said Baisden.

Vice Chair Max Hopper of Cleveland County remarked that the Commission "has benefited greatly from the energy and expertise of Scott Dadson and wish him well in future endeavors." The IPDC envisions a wide-ranging search internally and externally to succeed Scott with a high energy and well-prepared person to lead the Commission into the new decade continued Mr. Hopper.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be February 11<sup>th</sup> at noon. The Committee will discuss the next phases of the process with Interim Director Lockett during that time. For more information about the Isothermal Regional Commission, visit our website at [www.regionc.org](http://www.regionc.org)