

## Great Plains FCU Selects James Wileman as President & CEO

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Joplin, MO– The Board of Directors of Great Plains Federal Credit Union is pleased to announce that James Wileman has been officially appointed as President & CEO. Following an extensive national search led by DDJ Myers, an ALM First Company, the board selected Wileman for his exceptional leadership, strategic vision, and deep commitment to the credit union's mission.

"Since stepping in as Interim CEO in July 2024, James has demonstrated outstanding leadership, insight, and dedication to our members and employees," says Jeff Zimmerman, Board Chair. "His ability to navigate both challenges and opportunities has been instrumental in strengthening our organization. We are confident that under his leadership, Great Plains FCU will continue to grow, innovate, and serve as a trusted financial partner in our communities."

Wileman brings a wealth of industry experience to Great Plains FCU. Before joining the cooperative, he led his own consulting business in Anchorage, Alaska, and previously served as CEO of Credit Union 1. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from University of Alaska Southeast, is a CUES Certified Chief Executive, and is a graduate of Western Credit Union Management School.

"It has been an honor to join Great Plains FCU and work alongside a fantastic leadership team, dedicated employees, and a committed Board of Directors, says Wileman. "I look forward to building on the credit union's strong legacy and deep-rooted commitment to our members in Kansas and Missouri."

Along with his wife Shannon and their two children, Wileman is excited to make Missouri and the Four States region his new home. Beyond his professional experiences, his dedication to building community connections has included extensive volunteer work including serving on local boards such as Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Regarding the executive search process, Wileman shares, "Working with Deedee and the team at DDJ Myers has been great. Everyone there takes an interest in your career, your goals and works hard to find the right fit."

### About Great Plains Federal Credit Union

Great Plains Federal Credit Union (Great Plains FCU) was formed in 1950 and is dedicated to providing personalized financial services to its members and community. With a mission to empower members through accessible and affordable financial solutions, the credit union serves more than 29,000 members across Kansas and Missouri. Committed to fostering financial well-being, Great Plains FCU strives to be a trusted partner in helping members achieve their financial goals and secure a brighter future.

Learn more at [www.greatplainsfcu.com](http://www.greatplainsfcu.com)

### About DDJ Myers, an ALM First Company

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