ANTONIO FRANKLIN JOINS NORTHWEST MINNESOTA FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 16, 2022  (Bemidji, MN) – The Northwest Minnesota Foundation is pleased to announce that Antonio Franklin has joined the NMF Board of Directors.

Franklin is currently an Economic Development Planner for the Headwaters Regional Development Commission. In this role, he develops economic development initiatives in the Headwaters Region and supports community economic development projects and initiatives.

He is also very active in community, serving on the marketing committee for the Anishinaabe Art Festival, advisory committee for the Mahnomen Art Initiative, board of directors for Peoples Church, board of directors for BI-CAP Bemidji-Cass Lake, and as a director for the Mahnomen County EDA, as well as others.

“The Northwest Minnesota Foundation’s work excites me as it aligns with both my personal and professional mission to support regional equity, build community leaders, strengthen partnerships, and improve quality of life in the region,” Franklin said.

The NMF Board of Directors is comprised of 12 individuals who live and work throughout the Northwest Minnesota region, which includes Red Lake Nation, White Earth Nation, and the 12 counties of Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau.

Members of the Board of Directors are elected to four-year terms and can serve a maximum of two terms.

Franklin lives in Bemidji but through his HRDC work spends considerable time in other parts of the region, particularly Mahnomen County and White Earth Nation.

“We’re thrilled to welcome Antonio to our Board of Directors,” said Karen White, NMF President/CEO. “He has broad and diverse experiences and a passion for working in community.”

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