



# News Release

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## **Black Hills Vision Board of Directors Elects Officers and Executive Committee**

Rapid City, SD - July 20, 2006: The Black Hills Vision Board of Directors elected seven members to serve as the Executive Committee for Black Hills Vision from July 2006 through June 2007.

### **2006-2007 Executive Committee:**

- Chairman Mark Merchen, West River Electric
- Vice-Chair Pete Cappa, Wells Fargo Bank
- Secretary Bill Masterson, Rapid City Journal
- Treasurer John Johnson, First Western Bank
- Board Member At Large Dave Emery, Black Hills Corporation
- Board Member At Large Jim Doolittle, Black Hills Community Economic Development, Inc.
- Board Member At Large Mike Derby, BHV Past Chair, Coldwell Banker

### **About Black Hills Vision – [www.blackhillsvision.org](http://www.blackhillsvision.org)**

Black Hills Vision (BHV) is a regional economic development organization committed to improving the region's quality of life and creating an economic development "opportunity environment." BHV was conceived by three local and regional community groups: Black Hills Community Economic Development Inc., the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce and the Rapid City Area Economic Development Partnership. It was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 2004. A \$3,000,000 fundraising campaign was completed in February 2005 with five-year pledges from over 115 investors. Thirty-six of these investors made commitments in excess of \$50,000 and became members of the BHV Board of Directors, which includes seven mayors, four county commissioners, and business leaders from banking, utilities, publishing, healthcare, retail, manufacturers, chamber and economic development organizations.