

The Enterprise Group of Jackson hires new leader to replace former CEO Scott Fleming



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JACKSON, MI – **The Enterprise Group of Jackson** has hired a new leader with a strong track record as an economic developer in the upper Midwest, Board Chairman Hendrik Schuur said Wednesday.

Tim Rogers, who was most recently the president and CEO of the Wayne County Economic Development Corporation and the Chamber of Commerce in Indiana, has been hired as the new president and CEO of Jackson County's lead economic-development agency.

Rogers replaces Scott Fleming, who resigned in October to become executive director at the DeSoto Economic Development Corp. in Texas. Rogers' anticipated date to start is June 25.

Rogers, 55, said he is very impressed with The Enterprise Group and the programs that the agency has to offer, as well as the economic diversity of Jackson.

"There are no two days that are alike," Rogers said. "I'm looking forward to bringing that passion (for economic development) to Jackson."

The search for a new leader started in January, and the following people made up the interim executive team: Amy Torres, vice president of economic development at The Enterprise Group; Connie King, the agency's vice president of finance, human resources and accounting; and Bill Rayl, executive director at the Jackson Area Manufacturers Association.

Schuur said Rogers' experience in economic development as well as his authenticity and his ability to communicate with all walks of life made him stand out among all the candidates. He said Rogers has a strong interest in working with both public and private entities in Jackson County to help boost the area's economic growth.

"It was a very, very strong consensus that Tim was the right fit," Schuur said. "He's very passionate about economic development and the possibility of working in partnership with other organizations. It's these partnerships that deliver the goods."

A good example of those partnerships, Schuur noted, is the **new information-technology center** that India-based HCL Technologies is bringing, along with an initial 300 jobs.

The Enterprise Group, Consumers Energy, the city of Jackson, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and several other community members worked together to make that happen, Schuur said. He believes Rogers will help continue this type of economic success in Jackson.

"Tim will be able to carry on that wonderful start that we have," he said.

Rogers is married to wife Joy and has three sons. He said they are looking forward to moving to Jackson soon.