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## **BANTERRA BANK ANNOUNCES ADDITION OF DON HUTSON TO BANTERRA BANK BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Marion, IL – *Banterra Bank* is pleased to announce that Don Hutson has joined the *Banterra Bank* Board of Directors. Don Hutson, with a financial career that spans 38 years, will be a tremendous asset to *Banterra* and the strong growth the company is experiencing. A recognized financial expert among the industry, Don was the National Industry Partner Leader of the BKD Financial Institution Practice from 1993 to 2017, among numerous other accomplishments throughout his career.

“Don Hutson brings a vast amount of financial knowledge and experience to our leadership efforts, during a time that *Banterra* is experiencing record-setting growth,” said Jeff May, President & CEO. “Having a nationally-recognized financial leader of Don’s stature serving on our board of directors speaks to our bank’s strength and position for the future. His background in the St. Louis market, the Midwest and at a national level will only enhance our industry presence and strategic initiatives. Our board of directors could not be more pleased to have Don joining our team.”

Don Hutson recently retired from the St. Louis office of BKD, LLP, where he was partner for 25 years. BKD is a national CPA and advisory firm with 36 offices in 16 states, and Hutson joined the firm in 1987 as manager prior to becoming partner just five years later. He served as a member of BKD’s Financial Institution Committee in 1992, and quickly became chairman of this committee, serving from 1993 to 2017. He was given the BKD Pride Award Winner in 2011, an award given to both a partner and an employee, nominated by their peers within their firm, who exemplify BKD’s PRIDE values in extraordinary ways. Hutson served on BKD’s Governing Board from 2007-2010, as well as various committees and special projects while employed at BKD.

As a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) for 38 years, Hutson was extremely involved within the industry. He was a member of American Bankers Association, Independent Community Bankers Association, Financial Manager Society, American Institute of CPAs, Missouri Society of CPAs, Illinois Bankers Association, Community Bankers Association of Illinois, Missouri Bankers Association and Missouri Independent Community Association. He served as Chairman of the Praxity Financial Institution Committee, an affiliation of U.S. accounting firms. He has been a frequent speaker on a variety of banking topics among these organizations, as well as national, regional and state associations throughout the country. In addition to speaking engagements, Hutson has authored various articles for financial association publications throughout the country.

Don Hutson received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Truman State University (formerly Northeast Missouri State University) in 1979. He was born in St. Louis and currently lives with his wife, Nancy, in Wentzville, Missouri. They have four children: Donald, Gregory, Shari and Eric.

*Banterra Bank* began as a single bank in Ridgway, Illinois in July of 1975. Today, *Banterra* is the region’s largest, locally-owned financial institution with total assets just under \$1.6 billion. The company has more than 35 banking centers in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and Missouri and nearly 500 team members. For more information, call 866-BANTERRA (226-8377) or go to [www.banterra.com](http://www.banterra.com).

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