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### **Bridgewater Bank Welcomes Michael Atherley as Senior Vice President Commercial Lending**

**St. Louis Park, MN** – Bridgewater Bank, a leading Twin Cities bank focused on meeting the unique needs of successful individuals and entrepreneurs, announced today the addition of Michael Atherley to its expanding team as Senior Vice President Commercial Lending.



Michael joins Bridgewater as a seasoned lender with 20+ years of diverse commercial banking experience. He most recently served as Commercial Banking Relationship Manager at Huntington National Bank, where he handled the financing and banking of middle market companies in and around the Twin Cities. In his new role, Michael will use his vast expertise to provide clients with flexible lending solutions that meet their needs and exceed their expectations. Michael is a graduate of the University of Nevada – Las Vegas.

*“Bridgewater is known for its dynamic team of expert lenders,”* said Nick Place, Chief Lending Officer at Bridgewater Bank. *“Michael’s strong background in C&I lending will undoubtedly benefit clients and further diversify Bridgewater’s impressive loan portfolio.”*

#### **About Bridgewater Bank**

Bridgewater Bancshares, Inc. is a St. Louis Park, Minnesota-based financial holding company. Bridgewater’s primary banking subsidiary, Bridgewater Bank, is a premier, full-service Twin Cities bank dedicated to serving the diverse needs of commercial real estate investors, entrepreneurs, business clients and successful individuals. By pairing a range of deposit, lending and business services solutions with a responsive service model, Bridgewater has seen continuous growth and profitability. With total assets of \$4.6 billion and seven branches as of September 30, 2023, Bridgewater is considered one of the largest locally led banks in the State of Minnesota and has received numerous awards for its growth, banking services and esteemed corporate culture.