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CCRRA ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

College Township - The Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority (CCRRA) is pleased to announce that they have hired a new Executive Director, effective July 28. Jason Neidig of Sunbury has been selected to replace Ted Onufrak, who is retiring after 35 years of service.

Neidig is currently Executive Director of the Sunbury Municipal Authority, which handles sewer, water, solid waste, recycling and flood responsibilities for the city. With an \$11.5 million operating budget and 33 employees, Neidig has been with the Sunbury Authority since 2019.

CCRRA Chairman Dennis Hameister said the board members believe Neidig's current position – handling five different departments – “makes him well suited to move the CCRRA forward as we also have multiple projects in the works over the next several years. Jason's qualifications and his dynamic personality make him a good fit for our team and we're excited to give him this opportunity”, said Hameister.

The CCRRA is nearing completion of a million dollar solar project; will begin the installation of an automated recycling sortation system in November as well as expanding its office and maintenance facility over the next two years. It also recently acquired the assets of RecycAll, Inc., a glass processing company in McKean County.

“We've got multiple projects in different stages right now and we needed someone who could handle being pulled in several different directions – Jason was the best candidate to fit that scenario” according to outgoing Executive Director Ted Onufrak. “He's also customer service oriented, and that's extremely important in this business.”

Neidig expressed enthusiasm about his new role, emphasizing his commitment to community collaboration and service - “I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their vote of confidence to serve as the next Executive Director. I'm

honored to join the team at CCRRA and I'm eager to begin building community partnerships to create opportunities which benefit the residents, institutions and businesses of Centre County." Onufrak will work with Neidig for several weeks, and the Authority will retain his services on a temporary basis over the next year to help ensure a smooth transition.

The Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority operates a transfer station, recycling processing facility, and soon a glass processing facility. They also provide recycling collection services to over 28,000 households and nearly 1,000 commercial businesses in Centre County. With a \$21 million budget and 75 employees, the CCRRA is responsible for providing integrated waste/recycling services countywide.

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