

Reams takes over as Great Plains director

By The Sun Staff

The Great Plains Development Authority announced the hiring of Brad Reams as the new director at the Great Plains Industrial Park.

Reams holds a master's degree in public administration and a graduate certificate in municipal finance from Wichita State University and was recently the city administrator in Frontenac. Prior to that he served as city administrator in Columbus.

"We are pleased to be able to find someone with the government administrative background and economic development knowledge Brad brings to the table," said GPDA board chairman Bob Wood.

Reams is responsible for providing guidance and direction for the business development of the Great Plains Industrial Park, while overseeing management of the property and its infrastructure. He will also provide oversight of the remaining explosive and environmental remediation.

Some specifics of his duties include overseeing the preparation of grant applications and funding requests; develop plans for programming and funding alternatives; develop reuse strategies, marketing efforts and guidelines to accomplish objectives set forth in the master redevelopment plan and as directed by the authority's board of directors; and coordinating with Grow Labette County in all economic development planning bodies.

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"I am excited to start a new chapter personally and professionally," Reams said. "The opportunity to be a part of the continual economic devel-

opment successes of Labette County is truly an honor. The Great Plains Development Authority board and the staff share a vision for the future of the industrial park, which will transform it into a regional economic power."