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PRESS RELEASE

BUCKEYE STATE BANK ANNOUNCES THE HIRING OF JULIE LANDIS AS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Powell, Ohio, October 31, 2024 – Buckeye State Bank (Buckeye) is pleased to announce the hiring of Julie Landis as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), effectively immediately. With over 20 years of extensive experience in financial leadership in the areas of bank accounting, auditing and operations, Julie will play a pivotal role in shaping the financial strategies of the company, ensuring the bank continues to thrive in an evolving financial landscape.

“Julie’s impressive track record and her commitment to excellence make her the ideal candidate for this critical role,” said Shawn Keller, CEO of Buckeye State Bank. “We are confident that her strategic vision and financial acumen will significantly contribute to our mission of delivering value to our stakeholders and enhancing our competitive edge in the market.”

Julie brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise from her previous positions in community banking and financial institutions auditor with Crowe. Her deep understanding of the banking sector, combined with her strong leadership skills, make her an invaluable addition to Buckeye’s executive team.

Julie was selected through an extensive search following the announcement of the retirement of John Kirksey, the bank’s current CFO. John, who joined Buckeye in 2018, has been instrumental in the bank’s growth from approximately \$80 million to over \$500 million in assets under management today.

“As we welcome Julie, I also want to take this opportunity to celebrate and thank John for his outstanding contributions,” added Keller. “John’s expertise and leadership have made a lasting impact on Buckeye, as we look forward to a bright future with Julie at the helm of our financial operations.”

About Buckeye State Bank (@BuckeyeStateBank)

Headquartered in Powell, Ohio, Buckeye State Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Buckeye State Bancshares, Inc. (“BSBi”), is a locally owned and operated community bank with approximately \$473 million in assets as of September 30, 2024. Buckeye has been one of the fastest growing banks in the country since its formation January 3, 2014 through the purchase of Citizens Bank of DeGraff, which was founded and chartered in 1885. Buckeye State Bank serves the consumer and business banking needs for the communities of Logan, Franklin, Delaware, Wood, Union, Lucas and Ross counties. BSBi is proudly employee-owned. To learn more, visit www.joinbsb.com.

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