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## **Benedict Joins CVTC Board**

### ***Owner of refrigeration service business a new additional member***

**Eau Claire, WI** – Tim Benedict, the owner and president of Benedict Refrigeration Service, Inc., in Altoona is the newest member of the Chippewa Valley Technical College Board of Trustees. Benedict, who lives in the city of Eau Claire, joined the board as an additional member at the board reorganizational meeting July 8.

Benedict has a long association with CVTC, serving on the Advisory Board for the Air Conditioning Heating and Refrigeration program for over 20 years. The third generation owner of his business, Benedict has hired many CVTC graduates, with a large percentage of technicians having come from the CVTC program. He is a former CVTC student himself and has had children attend the College.

Benedict serves on the Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce Executive Board and Foundation Board, as well as the Boy Scouts Advisory Board, the Charter Bank Advisory Board, and several other boards for civic organizations. He formerly served as president of the Eau Claire Builders Exchange.

Also at the reorganizational meeting, Paul Bauer, CEO of the Ellsworth Creamery, was elected chairman. Russell Ratsch of Neillsville was elected vice chairman, with Eau Claire residents Colleen Bates as treasurer and Dawn Garcia as secretary.

The district board is composed of two employers, two employees, three additional members, one school district administrator, and one elected official who holds a state or local office.

With over 97 programs offered both online and on-campus, Chippewa Valley Technical College delivers superior, progressive technical education which improves the lives of students, meets the workforce needs of the region, and strengthens the community. CVTC programs are designed with input of business and industry to prepare graduates for today's jobs, with 95 percent employed within six months of graduation and associate degree graduates earning an average annual salary of \$46,816.

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