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Featured Director - Jeremy Rham

Otter Tail Power Company
Area Manager for the Jamestown, Devils Lake and Rugby areas

We would like to introduce you to JSDC Director Jeremy Rham. Jeremy began his service on the JSDC Board of Directors in January 2020 when he accepted to finish out the term of a prior Director. He has been active on the Finance and the Organizational Excellence Committees as well as working with prospective projects for Stutsman County.

Jeremy's education includes a B.S. in Manufacturing Engineering from NDSU and an MBA from the University of Mary. He began employment with Otter Tail Power Company in 2007 as an Industrial Services Engineer working with Otter Tail's ND industrial customers on account management, energy efficiency and conservation. It was good news for Jamestown when Jeremy was transferred to Area Manager in Jamestown in 2015. He is currently responsible for overseeing field operations in the Jamestown, Devils Lake and Rugby Customer Service Centers along with management of the company's Transportation department.

Jeremy works with State and Local officials on issues important to Otter Tail and its customers. These issues include economic development, political/legislative as well as customer and community relations. In addition to serving on the JSDC Board of Directors, Jeremy also serves on the Greater North Dakota Chamber Board of Directors and the Jamestown Basketball Boosters Board of Directors.

Bison World Update

Bison World leaders met with a group from North Dakota Tourism, including Director Sara Otte Coleman, to provide an update on the project and unveil the proposed logo. Director Coleman stated this project will benefit the entire state. To get the full story, please see Keith Norman's article in the Jamestown Sun [here](#).



ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

TAXABLE SALES/PURCHASES

Office of State Tax Commissioner

	1st Quarter 2020	1st Quarter 2021
Stutsman County	\$53,326,494	\$59,139,378
Jamestown	\$51,744,464	\$57,221,156

SALES TAX DISTRIBUTIONS

Office of State Treasurer

	YTD JULY 2020	YTD JULY 2021
Jamestown	\$3,585,007	\$4,046,287

LODGING DISTRIBUTIONS

Office of State Treasurer

	YTD JULY 2020	YTD JULY 2021
Restaurant/Lodging Tax	\$204,345	\$223,213
City Occupancy Tax	\$ 57,108	\$ 63,267

TRANSPORTATION

Jamestown Regional Airport

	YTD JUNE 2020	YTD JUNE 2021
Total Boardings	2,855	4,543

BUILDING PERMITS

City of Jamestown Building Department

	YTD JULY 2020 PERMITS/VALUES	YTD JULY 2021 PERMITS/VALUES
New Apartment/Duplex	0	1 / \$5,862,000
New Commercial	1 / \$1,050,000	3 / \$1,091,000
Valuation of all Permits	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 6,953,000

WORKFORCE

Job Service of North Dakota
(not seasonally adjusted)

	JUNE 2020	JUNE 2021
Stutsman County Unemployment	3.8%	3.7%
North Dakota Unemployment	6.2%	4.4%
United States Unemployment	11.2%	5.9%

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