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**Brett Hanson, Co-Owner of Tri-State Building Center in Sisseton, South Dakota,
has been elected Chairman of the BLD Connection Board of Directors, effective October 1, 2026.**

September 15, 2026, Plymouth, MN – Brett Hanson, Co-Owner of Tri-State Building Center in Sisseton, South Dakota, has been elected Chairman of the BLD Connection Board of Directors for the 2026–2027 membership year. Hanson is the first South Dakota member to serve as chairman of the organization in more than 20 years.

Hanson began his service with BLD Connection in 2013 as South Dakota Dealer Director. After completing a six-year term, he became BLD Connection's representative to the National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association, serving on the NLBMDA Board of Directors from 2019 through 2023. He joined the BLD Connection Executive Committee in 2023 and most recently served as 1st Vice Chairman.

Throughout his service, Hanson has been actively involved in legislative and regulatory issues affecting independent lumber dealers and small businesses. He has served on committees with both BLD Connection and NLBMDA and has hosted state and federal elected officials to discuss issues affecting the lumber and building material industry. He also serves on the BLD Connection Education Committee, helping identify and evaluate educational programs for members.

"Brett has been a leader and champion for our organization for more than a decade, and we are excited for him to take the lead as Chairman of the Board," said BLD Connection President Cody Nuernberg. "Brett works for and supports every member of BLD Connection, no matter the size or scope, to help ensure they have the opportunity to be successful. We look forward to Brett's guidance and congratulate him on his election as Chairman of the Board."

Hanson is a strong advocate for independent dealers and regularly shares real-world examples of how legislative and regulatory decisions affect small businesses in South Dakota, across the Midwest and throughout the country.

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About BLD Connection

BLD Connection is a leading regional trade association representing building material dealers and suppliers in Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Upper Michigan, and Wisconsin. BLD Connection exists to advance the building material and lumber industry in the Midwest and strengthen its members through education, networking, advocacy, and resources.

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