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KNOX (July 17, 2007) – The Starke County Development Foundation utilized the considerable talents of a long-time member as its president when it named Bill Sonnemaker of Bass Lake to fill that position.

Mr. Sonnemaker retired from Lockheed Missiles and Space Company where he served as Director of all of Lockheed facility operations for over 25 years.

As Director, he managed, constructed, planned and selected in excess of 10 million square feet for the Lockheed Company.

These facilities were used for development of submarine launched fleet ballistic missiles, worked on NASA's space telescope program, missile contracts, aircraft and other defense projects.

Bill Sonnemaker is a perfect fit to head this organization. As the Lockheed Director, he identified states and communities in which to construct new Lockheed facilities.

“Starke County will be greatly assisted by having the perspective Mr. Sonnemaker brings to the site selection process,” said Charles W. Weaver, Executive Director of Starke County Development Foundation.

His expertise translates into the ability to understand the process of site selection from the Company's point of view. It helps SCDF anticipate the needs of companies looking to locate in Starke County.

Bill and his wife, Nancy, returned to Bass Lake, her childhood home, following his retirement, and he has been very active in both Starke County Development Foundation and Starke United.

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