## **Doug Stroud to Retire From Bradford National Bank**

(Greenville) Bradford National Bank President Mike Ennen has announced that Doug Stroud will retire from the bank effective December 31, 2019.

A retirement reception for Stroud will be held on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm at Bradford National Bank, in conjunction with the annual Greenville Chamber Business After Hours. A short program will be held at 6pm. Friends and business associates, as well as all Chamber members are invited to attend the event, which will include a "roast and reception."

President Ennen said, "We will miss the day-to-day leadership, judgement, and integrity that Doug brought to the bank each and every day. He has been a valuable asset to Bradford National Bank for these past eight years. His knowledge and enthusiasm for Bradford National Bank and serving the community will be missed."

Stroud has been employed at the bank for eight years. In February 2014, he became the ninth president of Bradford National Bank, following the retirement of Frank Joy. He held that position for nearly five years before stepping down in January 2019. He maintained his position as CEO for all of 2019. Stroud will continue to serve on the Bradford National Bank board of directors.

During his tenure, Stroud oversaw one of the bank's most ambitious projects, as they significantly upgraded the technology driving the bank, including the core software, online and mobile banking, and bill pay services, among other things. Under his stewardship, the bank continued to grow in market share in Greenville, Highland, and Marine.

"Doug has been an outstanding leader for our bank," Bradford National Bank board chairman Frank Joy said. "During his tenure at the bank, his broad knowledge and experience were invaluable to our continued success. We certainly wish him all the best in his retirement and are happy that he and Pam will be able to enjoy their time together to travel and spend more time with their children and grandchildren."

Stroud said, "Working at Bradford National Bank, with its rich history of serving the community, is one of the greatest honors of my professional life. I will always treasure my time at the bank, the people we served, and the friendships I have made. While challenging, the job was incredibly fulfilling."

Prior to coming to Bradford National Bank, Stroud was a partner at West and Company for 20 years.

Over the years, Stroud has been a wonderful community servant. He served on the Chamber of Commerce board of directors for over 20 years that included three separate terms as president, and was instrumental in creating the Gerald Turley Memorial Award, which has become the signature award in Greenville. He also served on the Utlaut Memorial Hospital Board for 22 years and helped continue the long-standing tradition of localized community health care.

Stroud was also a member of several community organizations and passionate supporter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the high school CEO program, and the First United Methodist Church.

Founded in 1867, Bradford National Bank is the 10<sup>th</sup> oldest bank in Illinois. For more information, visit www.BradfordBank.com.