

Amber Hoover

PRESIDENT



Amber Hoover serves as President of the Belle Plaine Community Development Corporation Board of Directors and has been involved with the organization since 2019. A lifelong connection to the community and a passion for local events make her a dedicated advocate for Belle Plaine's continued growth and vibrancy.

Amber grew up in Belle Plaine and graduated from Belle Plaine High School before attending the University of Iowa. In 2002, she and her husband, James, returned to Belle Plaine to be closer to family and to raise their children, Nathan and Allison, in the same small-town community she enjoyed growing up in.

Professionally, Amber works at Chelsea Savings Bank as a Mortgage and Loan Compliance Officer and will celebrate 21 years with the bank this October. In addition to her professional career, Amber is active in local athletics and is entering her fourth year as an assistant volleyball coach for the Belle Plaine Plainsmen.

Amber began volunteering with BPCDC through the Organization Committee before joining the Board of Directors, and she is now in her seventh year serving the organization. In addition to her role as Board President, she is actively involved with several community events, including the July Committee for the annual car show and Fourth of July celebrations, as well as Holiday Homecoming and Shop Small Saturday.

Amber is passionate about preserving the strong sense of community that makes Belle Plaine special. She believes the town's greatest strength lies in the people who care deeply about their community and work together to keep it vibrant for future generations.



Tammy
Manley
VICE
PRESIDENT

Tammy Manley joined the Belle Plaine Community Development Corporation Board of Directors in January 2025 and currently serves as Vice President. A devoted mom of four, Tammy stays busy as a homeschooling parent while also dedicating her time and creativity to many community activities.

Tammy and her family have lived in Belle Plaine for 17 years and have become well known for their enthusiastic participation in local events. Whether it's the Lighted Parade, Trunk-or-Treat, or other community celebrations, you'll often find Tammy and her family dressed up and fully embracing the fun. Her talent for decorating, costumes, and creating memorable experiences makes her a valued member of the Holiday Homecoming Committee and a frequent helper with Trunk-or-Treat activities.

Beyond BPCDC, Tammy is actively involved with the Belle Plaine Music Boosters and volunteers with the Belle Plaine Jr./Sr. High School drama department, where she has helped with costumes, hair, and makeup for the fall plays over the past three years. She has also volunteered with the HLV/Belle Plaine community schools' spring musicals for five years and is serving as the Costume Director this year.

Tammy joined BPCDC because she wanted to become more involved in the community she and her family call home. She is especially passionate about community events and the way they bring people together. Tammy is excited about the future of Belle Plaine, particularly the potential for continued business growth and creating more opportunities for local youth to be involved and connected to their community.

Brittany
Davis
TREASURER



Brittany Davis serves as Treasurer of the Belle Plaine Community Development Corporation and has been involved with the organization since 2024. A lifelong resident of Belle Plaine, Brittany is passionate about supporting efforts that help the community grow and thrive.

Brittany enjoys being part of initiatives that bring people together, especially community events that create lasting memories for local families. Her dedication to Belle Plaine comes from a deep-rooted connection to the town and a desire to see it continue to succeed for future generations.

She is the owner of Back Road Kennels, where she has turned her love for dogs into a family-centered business. Brittany's mother, Lisa, and her husband, Andrew, both play an active role in supporting the business, making it a true family effort.

As a business owner, Brittany values the flexibility that allows her to spend more time with her two children, whom she currently homeschools. She is grateful to be raising her family in a community that means so much to her and is proud to contribute to its continued growth and vitality.



Mitch
VanScoyoc
**BOARD
MEMBER**

Mitch VanScoyoc joined the Belle Plaine Community Development Corporation Board of Directors in January 2026. A well-known and engaged community member, Mitch brings a deep appreciation for Belle Plaine and a strong desire to give back to the place that has meant so much to her family.

Mitch recently retired from Chelsea Savings Bank, where she built meaningful connections and gained a strong understanding of the community and the importance of small-town values. Her time at the bank helped shape her passion for supporting local growth and community engagement.

While Mitch was not originally from Belle Plaine, her husband, Craig, was born and raised in the community. Together, they raised their two sons, Jake and Matt, in Belle Plaine, and now enjoy watching the next generation experience the town through the eyes of their grandchildren.

In her free time, Mitch stays active and involved, enjoying golf, church activities, tai chi at the community center, and her newest passion—pickleball. She was inspired to join BPCDC as a way to give back and is excited to contribute to the organization's efforts while helping create fun, meaningful opportunities for the community.



Sara
Johnson
BOARD
MEMBER

Sara Johnson joined the Belle Plaine Community Development Corporation Board of Directors in 2024 and brings a strong sense of community pride and enthusiasm to her role. With a natural passion for connecting people and supporting local initiatives, Sara enjoys being part of efforts that help Belle Plaine continue to grow and thrive.

Sara has worked in healthcare for most of her adult life while also maintaining a deep appreciation for farm life. She grew up on a dairy farm on the west side of Belle Plaine and, nearly 30 years ago, married her husband-her best friend-who farms beef and grain on the east side of town. Together, they have raised three wonderful children and are excited to welcome their first grandchild this summer.

In addition to her work with BPCDC, Sara is involved in several boards and committees throughout the Iowa County and Benton County area. She values being part of a team that brings new ideas to life and enjoys seeing the positive impact those efforts have on the community.

Sara was drawn to BPCDC because of her love for community involvement and the opportunity to be part of something fun and meaningful. She is especially excited about Belle Plaine's future and looks forward to seeing continued growth through strong community connections, new projects, and engaging activities for all ages.

Toni
Scott

BOARD
MEMBER



Antoinette “Toni” Scott joined the Belle Plaine Community Development Corporation Board of Directors in January 2026. A career educator with more than 30 years of experience, Toni has taught in a wide range of roles, working with students from preschool through adulthood in Iowa, Arizona, and even internationally in Lakenheath, England. She holds degrees in Spanish, Special Education, and Curriculum Development, as well as a Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction.

Toni and her husband relocated to Belle Plaine in 2025 when he accepted the principalship at Belle Plaine Jr./Sr. High School. The couple previously worked for the U.S. Air Force while living abroad and have also served as certified foster parents for ten years- an experience that deeply shaped their commitment to supporting families and strengthening communities.

Together, Toni and her husband have two grown sons. One is currently attending William Penn University, while the other lives in Belle Plaine with his wife and their growing family. Toni and her husband are proud grandparents and are excited to continue building roots in the community.

In addition to her role with BPCDC, Toni serves on the Belle Plaine Library Board. She joined the organization to support local events and help foster strong community connections. Grateful for the warm welcome they have received, Toni looks forward to an active and meaningful role in Belle Plaine for years to come.



Mitch
Jacobi

BOARD
MEMBER

Mitch Jacobi joined the Belle Plaine Community Development Corporation Board of Directors in 2021. As a lifelong member of the community, Mitch brings a strong sense of pride and commitment to helping Belle Plaine continue to grow and succeed.

He serves as a Vice President and Ag Banking Officer at MidWestOne Bank and has spent his career working closely with local individuals, businesses, and agricultural operations. Born and raised in Belle Plaine, he has either lived or worked in the community his entire life, giving him a deep understanding of the area and its needs.

Mitch chose to be part of BPCDC to help improve the community he calls home. He is especially excited about the growth of new businesses, both large and small, that are investing in Belle Plaine. He believes these opportunities not only bring jobs to the area but also strengthen the local economy by allowing residents to spend their dollars locally.

He is passionate about encouraging new investment in the community while also preserving the traditions that make Belle Plaine special. He values creating a place where future generations can enjoy the same strong sense of community that he experienced growing up.

Brian
Baumgartner

**BOARD
MEMBER**



Brian Baumgartner has served on the Belle Plaine Community Development Corporation Board of Directors since 2020. A longtime supporter of local businesses and community improvement efforts, Brian brings both leadership experience and a passion for enhancing Belle Plaine's downtown.

Brian owns and operates three hardware stores in central Iowa, located in Belle Plaine, Brooklyn, and Knoxville, and has been in the hardware business for more than 20 years. He graduated from Upper Iowa University in 1990 and began his retail career with Pamida Discount Stores before spending ten years with Kum & Go convenience stores, where he worked primarily as a district store supervisor.

Originally from Arlington, Iowa, Brian has owned the downtown Belle Plaine hardware store for the past 19 years and has become a strong advocate for the vitality of the community's Main Street district. Through BPCDC, he has been actively involved with both the Design Committee and the Bio Cell Committee.

Brian currently leads the Bio Cell Committee, where he has helped recruit volunteers and organize community efforts to plant and maintain the beautiful greenery along Belle Plaine's Main Street. He also plays an important role in several community events, helping organize the annual golf outing and running the bags tournament during the car show.

Brian enjoys supporting projects that enhance the community and contribute to Belle Plaine's continued growth. He believes the town offers a strong school system, great job opportunities, and a welcoming environment for families and businesses alike.

Emma
Peebles

BOARD
MEMBER



Emma Peebles serves as the Executive Director of BPCDC, where she is dedicated to strengthening community connections and supporting local growth. Since stepping into the role, Emma has focused on fostering collaboration, enhancing community events, and building relationships with local businesses, volunteers, and residents.

Originally from Des Moines, Emma and her husband—who is originally from Bratt, Florida—spent several years living in different states while pursuing opportunities through his career in welding. In July 2022, they made the decision to settle in Belle Plaine after falling in love with the community and its small-town atmosphere.

Emma and her husband have three children: Braiden, Henley, and Rhett, who keep them actively involved in the community. During their years of travel, Emma was a stay-at-home mom, dedicating her time to raising their family. After moving to Belle Plaine, she quickly became involved in the local schools, helping to restart the PTO and now coaching color guard for the Belle Plaine High School marching band.

In her role with BPCDC, Emma works closely with the Board of Directors, local businesses, and community partners to support initiatives that enhance Belle Plaine's vibrancy and long-term sustainability. She is passionate about creating meaningful events, supporting local entrepreneurship, and helping build a community where people feel connected and proud to call home.

Emma is grateful to be part of Belle Plaine and looks forward to continuing to serve the community by listening, collaborating, and helping bring new ideas to life.