



Dr Gary Anthone is pictured on the left.

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Dr. Gary Anthone appointed to Nebraska Environmental Trust Board

The Nebraska Environmental Trust is pleased to announce that Dr. Gary Anthone has been named to the Trust board by Governor Pete Ricketts commencing October 3, 2019. Dr. Anthone is the new Chief Medical Officer and director of the Division of Public Health.

Dr. Anthone comes to the state position from a private surgical practice in Omaha. He is also a faculty member in the Department of Surgery at Creighton University. Before that he was director of bariatric surgery at Omaha's Methodist Hospital and at the University of Southern California.

The position was previously held by Dr. Tom Williams, who announced his retirement last August.

Dr. Anthone said, "I'm excited about the opportunity to serve on the board and look forward to learning more about the many important projects the Nebraska Environmental Trust funds across the state."

The Trust Board is comprised of 14 members representing the State of Nebraska and its citizens. Nine citizen representatives are appointed by the Governor to serve six year terms. Three representatives are chosen from each congressional district, serve without pay and represent a wide variety of natural resource interests. Five agency directors make up the remaining seats on the board to provide coordination with existing state resources. A staff of five handles the day-to-day activities of the organization.

The Nebraska Legislature created the Nebraska Environmental Trust in 1992. Using revenue from the Nebraska Lottery, the Trust has provided more than \$315 million in grants to over 2,200 projects across the state. Anyone –citizens, organizations, communities, farmers and businesses –can apply for funding to protect habitat, improve water quality and establish recycling programs in Nebraska. The Nebraska Environmental Trust works to preserve, protect and restore our natural resources for future generations.

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