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A new member has been appointed to the Trust Board by Governor Pete Ricketts. Mr. Jeff Kanger replaced Mr. Ryan McIntosh representing District 1.

Mr. Kanger is currently the Executive Vice President at First State Bank Nebraska. He focuses on lending, bank development, marketing and human resources. Kanger works out of First State Bank Nebraska's location at 2701 Grainger Pkwy in Lincoln. Kanger, originally from Omaha, received a bachelor's degree from Northwest Missouri State, followed by his law degree from University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Mr. Kanger said, "I am honored and humbled to serve on the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board. My passion for conservation has been nurtured by many mentors, ag producers and outdoor enthusiasts that have selflessly shared the beauty of Nebraska with me. A collaborative and cooperative approach to conservation ensures the natural wonders of our state will see generations to come and I'm thrilled to be a part of that effort."

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 \$319 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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