



## **For Immediate Release**

A new member has been appointed to the Trust Board by Governor Pete Ricketts. Mr. Felix Davidson replaced Ms. Gerry Lauritzen representing District 1, effective February 14th, 2020, and will continue to serve until March 10, 2025.

Mr. Davidson brings with him his vast experience and expertise in many different areas. He is currently the Chief Operating Officer for Bridges Trust and is responsible for strategy & planning, operations, technology, accounting & finance, compliance, human resources and administration. He has 25 years of leadership experience in a wide variety of management positions that developed a broad base of skills in all aspects of business and corporate governance.

Mr. Davidson said, "I'm honored that the governor and legislature have given me this opportunity to serve my state and help shape decisions that will help improve the natural resources and environment of Nebraska."

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 agency.

The Nebraska Legislature created the Nebraska Environmental Trust in 1992. Using revenue from the Nebraska Lottery, the Trust has provided more than \$320 million in grants to over 2,300 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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