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Executive Director Corner

The end of the year is fast approaching and I want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. A COVID vaccine has been developed and two varieties are on the market and being distributed across the country including in Nebraska. My heart goes out to everyone that lost a family member or friend, that has an elderly relative at home or in a facility that they can't visit, that has lost their job or had their hours reduced, who contracted COVID and suffered its effects now and into the future, and everyone that has had a direct impact from COVID. I will not be seeing my mother for only the second time in my life at Christmas (the other was a biological field trip to Costa Rica in college). Please count your blessings and think about those less fortunate as we end the year.

The NET Grants Committee has met twice and will meet one more time before presenting their Preliminary Rank Order List to the full board. The full board will receive that list at the February 2, 2021, board meeting and make their recommendations that will be discussed at the April 8, 2021, board meeting. You can read a 200 word summary of all the 2021 grants on our website under "2021 Application Summary Booklet"



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We did not host our annual Ferguson Open House this year, nor did the Capitol host their annual holiday events. We have suspended all events at the Ferguson House for the immediate future.

Husker football fans finally got another win at the end of the season, but the team voted to not throw their hat in the ring for a bowl game bid. It sounds like we may have drawn Army as an opponent. Now we have to wait to see how many seniors decide to come back as the NCAA is giving seniors the option to play another season. Hopefully the new recruits pan out and we don't lose anymore and let's see how many current players decide to enter the portal. It's time to settle in and catch a few bowl games and think, what if we had won a few of those close games this year. Oh well, there is always next year. We have Husker volleyball to look forward to in the spring and basketball is underway.

Happy Holidays from the Trust board and staff!!

Stay safe, practice social distancing, avoid crowds and wash your hands often.

Mark Brohman
Executive Director

**Happy Holidays and some cheer from the staff of
The Nebraska Environmental Trust**

Holly Adams, Grants Administrator

I have officially been working for the Trust for 11 weeks. Those 11 weeks have been very busy! I finished reading every 2021 grant application that was

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submitted. There were a variety of great projects, and I look forward to seeing what they can accomplish. I'm excited for the new year, and wish all of you a very happy holidays!

Pam Deines, Administrative Secretary

The end of 2020 approaches. We have spent most of the year wondering when would all the unknowns of the pandemic end. Hoping everyone would remain healthy, safe, unaffected by the virus and all the emotions that goes with the time away from family and friends. Then again, it seems to have gone by fast even though we did have to change our lifestyles. So let us celebrate the holidays and enter into 2021 with optimism for a better year.

Happy Holidays Everyone!!!

Sheila Johnson, Public Information Officer

The Annual Report is finally done! I am really looking forward to a much better 2021. With all the vaccines rolling out, I hope that there can be some normalcy back to our everyday lives. Being able to resume our usual activities and stay in personal contact with our board, grantees and friends is something we are truly looking forward to again. The zoom meetings were useful and certainly did its job but nothing beats face to face interactions. Cheers to a wonderful year ahead and may your many dreams come true and be fulfilled in the near future.

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2021 Calendar:

- Tuesday, February 2, 2021 - 1st Quarter Board Meeting, NDEE
- Thursday, April 8, 2021 - 2nd Quarter Board Meeting - Ferguson House Lincoln NE
- Monday/Tuesday, August 2-3, 2021 - 3rd Quarter Board Meeting - TBD
- Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - Grants Deadline
- Thursday, November 4, 2021 - 4th Quarter Board Meeting - Ferguson House

