

# RESOURCE

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### Executive Director Corner

The fall harvest is well underway and overnight frost is occurring regularly. Many parts of the State have experienced snow, including Central Nebraska getting almost 6 inches the other night. Parts of the Panhandle experienced snow a while back and continue to get some patchy snows.

We welcomed Holly Adams to the Trust last week. Holly will be our Grants Administrator and you can learn more about her below. We are sad to announce that Allison Majerus will be leaving us at the end of the month. Allison has been with us for six years. We wish her the best in her new job and thank her for all of her dedicated service to the Trust.

The Trust is in the process of getting reviews back from our volunteer technical reviewers of 2021 grant proposals. The Grants Committee will begin meeting soon and ranking each grant. The committee will meet through early January.

We held our Category Roundtable Meetings on September 29<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup>. About 150 members of the public and most of our board attended the meetings, held via Zoom. I really missed seeing our friends, partners and others this year by not meeting in person. We are continuing to take public comment until October 23<sup>rd</sup>, so if you didn't get a



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chance to log into one of the three meetings, or you thought of something after the meeting, send us your comments. With time running out, I suggest you send your comments directly to me at

[mark.brohman@nebraska.gov](mailto:mark.brohman@nebraska.gov)

The Trust will be holding two meetings early next month. On November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our regular fourth quarter meeting at 1:30pm. Because of COVID-19, we are unable to hold our regular meeting at the Ferguson House. The meeting will be held at the Lincoln's Children's Zoo in their Multipurpose room at 1222 S. 27<sup>th</sup> Street. On November 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a Special Meeting at the same location at 1:00pm to take a roll call vote on the proposed funding list for the 2020 Grant Cycle. Face masks will be required and social distancing will be observed.

May Nebraskans are thinking about Husker football that will kick-off this Saturday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at 11am. The Huskers will travel to Ohio State to play the #5 Buckeyes. I find it interesting that Ohio is ranked so high without even playing a game yet, but a couple upsets with teams already playing appears to have helped them. They announced the Wisconsin game, on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, will be at 2:30pm. Big 10 volleyball will be played in the spring, so us volleyball fans will have to wait awhile or watch some of the other conferences.

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

Mark A. Brohman  
Executive Director

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## **Nebraska Environmental Trust To Hold Special Meeting**

The Nebraska Environmental Trust Board will hold a Special Meeting on advice from the Nebraska Attorney General's Office. The meeting will be held on November 4, 2020, at the Lincoln Children's Zoo, 1222 S. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln. The meeting will be held in the Multipurpose Room at 1:00pm. The public can park in either Zoo parking lot and enter the Multipurpose Room just east of the main entrance to the Zoo, off A street. This meeting will be to take a roll call vote on the proposed funding list for the 2020 Grant Cycle. The Trust in its long history has failed to vote on grant proposals in an adequate manner and will use a roll call method in future meetings.

Face masks will be required and social distancing will be observed. If you have any questions you can call or e-mail Mark Brohman, Executive Director, Nebraska Environmental Trust, 402-471-5409  
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**Welcome To New Board Member, Mark Quandahl**

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Mark Quandahl of Omaha was recently appointed to the Trust Board by Governor Pete Ricketts on September 16th, 2020. He replaces Robert Krohn who was appointed to the Board in 2003.

Mark Quandahl serves as Of Counsel to Dvorak Law Group, headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska representing a full-spectrum of clientele, including corporations, government entities, non-profits and individuals throughout the country. Mark is experienced in public administration, banking and finance, non-depository institutions and securities regulation, government relations, litigation, Fintech, healthcare, and start-ups. Mark most recently served as a member of Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts' cabinet as the Director of the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance. Prior to that, he was a shareholder in a regional commercial law firm. Quandahl is a former Nebraska State Senator (Chairman of Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee) and former Nebraska State Board of Education member. Mark is a life-long Nebraskan and a proud member of the Nebraska State Bar Association. He holds a bachelor's degree and a law degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Commenting on his appointment, Executive Director of the Trust, Mark Brohman said, "Mr. Quandahl's vast experience in government and finance will be very helpful to us."

"I am excited to join the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board at such a pivotal time for the organization," said Quandahl. "I look forward to working with the citizens of Nebraska, the NET Board and staff, businesses and public-spirited organizations to realize the Trust's vision and mission."

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### **Welcome To Our New Grants Administrator, Holly Adams**

Holly Adams joined the Trust in October 2020. Prior to joining the Trust, she was employed by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) for 4 years. At NDEE, Holly worked with the Waste and Litter Reduction and Recycling grants.

She was also employed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for 3 years. There, she worked on the endangered species program on the Missouri River, doing fisheries work for pallid sturgeon.

Holly received her Bachelor of Science degree in Fisheries and Wildlife, with an emphasis on conservation biology.

Holly currently resides in Lincoln. She enjoys the outdoors a great deal. She spends her time outside hiking with her two dogs, fishing with her husband, and gardening. She also enjoys wildlife/landscape photography. When she is inside, she likes to read, cook, and play video games.

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**Upcoming Events**

- NET Special Meeting, November 4, 2020, 1:00 pm, Lincoln's Children's Zoo, 1222 S 27th St., Lincoln.
  - 4th Quarter Board Meeting, November 5, 2020 (Thursday), 1:30 pm, Lincoln's Children's Zoo, 1222 S 27th St., Lincoln.
  - Grants Committee Meeting - November 5, 2020, 10:00am, Ferguson House, Lincoln.
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