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### **John Orr Appointed To The Nebraska Environmental Trust Board**

A new member has been appointed to the Trust Board by Governor Pete Ricketts. John W. Orr from Blair, NE replaced Kevin Peterson of Osceola commencing September 27, 2017, representing District 1. His term continues till March 10, 2023.

Mr. Orr is a grain merchandiser at Hansen-Mueller Co. in Omaha. He graduated from Lincoln East High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Economics, Psychology and Business from Hastings College. He is the son of former Governor Kay Orr and her husband Bill.

Mr. Orr said, "I am honored to be asked by Governor Ricketts to step forward and serve on The Nebraska Environmental Trust board. I enjoy Nebraska's outdoors and look forward to working with the Trust and the many projects they fund."

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 \$275 million in grants to over 2,000 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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