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Ryan K. McIntosh Appointed To The Nebraska Environmental Trust Board

A new member has been appointed to the Trust Board by Governor Pete Ricketts. Ryan K. McIntosh replaced Henry "Rick" Brandt commencing September 7, 2017. Mr. McIntosh is a Captain in the Nebraska Army National Guard and worked full-time with the National Guard between graduating from college and beginning law school. He is Airborne qualified and has completed numerous airborne jumps while as a Detachment Leader in an Airborne Infantry company. He also serves as Legislative Chairman for the Nebraska National Guard Association and has drafted veteran legislation and testified in several legislative hearings on behalf of the National Guard Association and the Nebraska Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. McIntosh said, "I am honored to be appointed to this position by Governor Ricketts. I look forward to this opportunity to continue my work in wildlife habitat and conservation projects and I hope my background in Natural Resources and Water Law will allow me to be a great addition to the Board."

He works with the Mattson Ricketts Law firm. His practice areas are municipal law,

estate planning, real estate transactions, and agriculture and natural resources law. He enjoys golf, hunting and being outdoors whenever he can. He grew up outside of Unadilla and graduated from Syracuse High School. Ryan is married to Leslie (Watermeier) who grew up on a farm outside of Syracuse. They have three children, Oliver, Reagan and Calvin.

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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