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INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Dodge County

May 9, 2019

Bob Missel, Chairman
Dodge County Board of Supervisors
435 N. Park, Courthouse
Fremont, Ne 68025

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FRED WITTE, COUNTY CLERK

Dear Chairman Missel,

The Dodge County Extension Board is recommending the following individuals to assume Extension Board responsibilities from now through 2020 and 2021.

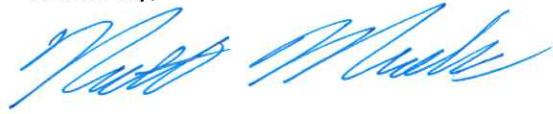
- **Second Term - Brad Dahl as Youth Representative**
- **Second Term – David Hingst as Lake/Acreage Representative**
- **First Term - April Ross as Fremont Business Representative (2436 N. Colorado Ave, Fremont, NE 68025).** April is the Director for Fremont Children’s Academy Inc., which offers educational childcare and family support services here in Fremont. She started the company in 2005 after working eight years for the State of Nebraska as an Independent Family Support Contractor.
- **First Term - Kathy Kneifl as Family Wellness Representative (2203 East Dodge Street, Fremont, NE 68025).** Kathy retired in 2018 from UNL Extension as a SNAP-Ed Assistant Educator, where she worked serving Dodge County and surrounding counties for eight years. She worked with low income audiences and helped build a successful expansion of nutrition services offered to the residents of Dodge County as well as other counties assigned to the position. The current program grew from a staff of one assistant to three full time employees due to the community outreach and the partnerships Kathy developed. Prior to her work at the University, she was with Three River’s Health Department as a specialist in Environmental Health and wellness as well as headed up the Emergency Response Division during the H1N1 threat and developed response plans for the three county service area. Before she changed her career to the public health arena, Kathy was a WIC Nutritionist/ Director for Northeast Nebraska Family Health Services for eighteen years. She was also on the core committee who developed the Dodge County Collaborative Team and the workgroup to bring public health services to the county. She currently serves as a board member for Life House (Care Corps/ Low Income Ministry) and previously served on the Dodge County Extension Board from 2003-2005.

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- **First Term - Duane Willnerd at Rural Business Representative (123 N State St., Hooper NE 68031).** Born and raised in Hooper, NE. He attended Logan View Public Schools graduating in 1999. Duane went on to Northeast Community College earning a degree in Crop Production and Irrigation Technology, graduating in 2001. Duane has been married to his wife, Haley, for almost 18 years raising three children, Wyatt, 14 years old, Nolan, 10 years old and Mya, 6 years old all who attend Logan View. Duane lives in Hooper and is the location manager at Central Valley Ag (CVA) there in Hooper. He has been with CVA for 11 plus years. In his spare time, Duane is involved in coaching pee-wee football, wrestling and 4-H with his kids, and if there is time left after that he loves to hunt, fish, camp and take in a game or two of Huskers, Packers or Logan View ball!
- **First Term - Mary Lou Pycha as Horticulture Representative (639 County Road 12 Blvd, Scribner, NE 68057).** Born and raised on farm in northeast Nebraska. Married and moved to Scribner area in 1978, where they raised 3 children and now have 7 grandchildren. Mary Lou has worked and helped in the farming and horticulture industry in the area. In the 80's and 90's they ran 150 sow farrow-to-finish until the late 1990s. She worked at Lamberty Hardware in Scribner in the 1990s. In 2003-2005 she studied horticulture and landscaping at Metro Tech in Omaha. From 2004-2010, Mary Lou ran a landscaping business and then started her greenhouse business in 2010 with 1 small greenhouse and expanded into 3 total greenhouses. She grows annuals, vegetables and the occasionally flowers. Mary also works for a family owned meat locker. She looks forward to serving on the Extension Board.

Enclosed is a table showing the Dodge County Extension Board composition for 2019 assuming approval of the listed members above. Please contact me at 727-2775 if you have questions regarding these nominations.

Sincerely,



Nathan Mueller, PhD
Extension Educator

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**Dodge County Extension Board
2019**

Name	Phone numbers/email	Representing	Term	Begins (1/1/20xx)	Ends (12/31/20xx)
Christy Fiala 1420 East Military Avenue Fremont, NE 68025	W - 402-941-0075 cfiala@ecdhd.ne.gov	Minority Population	3 year	2017	2019
Scott Brettmann 1735 E Military Ave Fremont, N 68025	W - 402-721-5995 C - 402-720-4036 lpbinc@gwestoffice.net	Agriculture/Ag Business	3 year	2017	2019
Todd Thomason 2415 N. Main Street PO Box 1327 Fremont, NE 68026	W - 402-721-1185 C - 402-317-0645 tthomason@meshc.org	4-H	3 year	2017	2019
Brad Dahl 1736 Deer Run Fremont, NE 68025	C - 402-720-8359 W - 402-727-3084 brad.dahl@fpsmail.org	Youth	3 year - 2nd	2015	2017 / 2020
April Ross 2436 N. Colorado Ave. Fremont, NE 68025	W - 402-727-4772 MissApril_FCA@aol.com	Fremont Business	3 year	2018	2020
Kathy Kneifl 2203 East Dodge Street Fremont, NE 68025	H - 402-727-9911 C - 402-517-8410 kkneifl@gmail.com	Family Wellness	3 year	2018-19	2020
Duane Willnerd 123 N State St Hooper, NE 68031	W - 402-654-3367 C - 402-369-4350 duane.willnerd@cvacoop.com	Rural Business	3 year	2019	2021
Mary Lou Pycha 639 County Road 12 Blvd Scribner, NE 68057	C - 402-380-3792 mpycha@gpcom.net	Horticulture	3 year	2019	2021
David Hingst 408 Ridge Drive Hooper, NE 68031	H - 402-654-2516 C - 402-720-0079 davidmhingst@gmail.com	Lake/Acreage	3 year - 2nd	2016	2018/2021
David Saalfeld 684 County Road Q North Bend, NE 68649	H - 402-652-8678 C - 402-317-1306 daveredfox@hotmail.com	Dodge County Board of Supervisors		2017	