

**EXTENSION** INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Dodge County

January 21, 2022

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

Dear Chairman Missel,

The Dodge County Extension Board is recommending the following individuals to assume Extension Board responsibilities from now through 2024.

- Second Term Mary Lou Pycha as Horticulture Representative
- First Term Deysy Avalos as Fremont Business Representative (212 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Fremont, NE 68025). Deysy is a Safety Coordinator at Lincoln Premium Poultry. Previously, she was a Family Services Coordinator at Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, becoming very involved with different agencies in Dodge County. Deysy is a licensed Cosmetologist and Barber and works from home part-time. She was born in Guatemala, grew up in California, and has been in Fremont for 20 years now. She is very excited to join the Dodge County Extension Board.
- First Term Kelly Abrahams as Rural Business Representative (201 N. Park Street, Hooper, NE 68031). Kelly is a senior accountant with the Woltman Group and works with local businesses and farmers through ASK Bookkeeping. Kelly teaches QuickBooks for the Center for Rural Affairs, the CFO Services Group out of Washington DC, and Western Community College in Scottsbluff. She is a 4-H leader of Operation CLOVER Club and a member of the Dodge County 4-H Council. Married to Robert and mother of three, Ashley, Alex and Austin, Kelly grew up on a farm near Craig, attended Tekamah-Herman schools, was a Burt County 4-H member for 10 years, and is a UNL graduate in Agribusiness.
- First Term Kristie Mehaffey as Youth and Agriculture Representative (308 County Road Q, North Bend, NE 68649). Christy was born and raised in North Bend. She is a bookkeeper for Platte Valley Bank and is active in farming with her husband Rhett. Christy's son is a member of 4-H, who serves as president of his club. Christy and her family are active members of St. Charles Catholic Church.

Enclosed is a table showing the Dodge County Extension Board composition for 2022 assuming approval of the members listed here. Please contact me at 727-2775 if you have questions regarding these nominations.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Cue

**Extension Educator** 

Enclosure

c. Fred Mytty

## Dodge County Extension Board 2022

Name	Phone numbers/email	Representing	Term	Begins (1/1/20xx)	Ends (12/31/20xx)
Kelly Abrahams 201 N. Park Street Hooper, NE 68031	C – 402.720.7684 kabrahams1077@gmail.com	Rural Business	3 year	2022	2024
Deysy Avalos 212 E. 17 <sup>th</sup> Street Fremont, NE 68025	C – 402.719.5233 deysyavalos63@gmail.com	Fremont Business	3 year	2022	2024
Scott Brettmann 1735 E Military Ave Fremont, N 68025	W – 402.721.5995 C – 402.720.4036 scott@lpbfarm.com	Agriculture/Ag Business	3 year 2 <sup>nd</sup> term	2017 2020	2019 2022
Christy Fiala 1420 East Military Avenue Fremont, NE 68025	W – 402.941.0075 christy@fremontunitedway.org	Minority Population	3 year 2 <sup>nd</sup> term	2017 2020	2019 2022
Joel Kerkman 130 East 9 <sup>th</sup> Street Fremont, NE 68025	C – W – 402.727.3084 joel.kerkman@fpsmail.org	Youth	3 Year	2021	2023
Kathy Kneifl 2203 East Dodge Street Fremont, NE 68025	H – 402.727.9911 C – 402.517.8410 kkneifl@gmail.com	Family Wellness	3 year 2 <sup>nd</sup> term	2018-19 2021	2020 2023
Kristie Mehaffey 308 County Road Q North Bend, NE 68649	C - W - 402.652.3221 randkmeha5488@futuretk.com	Youth/Agriculture	3 year	2022	2024
Mary Lou Pycha 639 County Road 12 Blvd Scribner, NE 68057	C - 402.380.3792 mpycha@gpcom.net	Horticulture	3 year 2 <sup>nd</sup> term	2019 2022	2021 2024
Todd Thomason - Chair 2415 N. Main Street PO Box 1327 Fremont, NE 68026	W – 402.721.1185 C – 402.317.0645 tthornason@meshc.org	4-H	3 year 2 <sup>nd</sup> term	2017 2020	2019 2022
Pat Tawney 615 Shoreline Drive, Lot 51 North Bend, NE 68649	H – 402- C – 402- ffd104@hotmail.com	Dodge County Board of Supervisors		2021	