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Nebraska City—Nebraska leaders from Callaway, Waverly, North Platte and Lincoln were elected to the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Community Foundation at its annual meeting in Nebraska City in November. New officers of the board were also elected and four new affiliated funds were accepted.

The new board members are Julianna Jenkins of Callaway, Brian Thompson of Waverly, Gloria Bruner of North Platte and Shannon Harner of Lincoln. Elected as officers were Kathy Thuman of Maywood, chair; Mark Graff of McCook, vice-chair; Janet Krotter Chvala of Atkinson, secretary and development committee chair; F.E. “Pete” Peterson of Brule, treasurer and Finance and Investment committee chair; Susan Ugai of Lincoln and Bob Stowell of Ord, regional vice-chairs. Ron Parks of Papillion is the immediate past chair and also serves on the executive committee.

Elected as honorary board members were Frank Sibert of Valentine, Beverly Pollock of Ogallala and Jim Fehringer of Columbus. Both Sibert and Pollock have completed nine years of board membership, with Sibert serving as chair and Pollock as secretary of the board. Re-elected to the board for additional three-year terms were Graff and Steve Buttress of Kearney.

Five affiliated funds were honored at the annual banquet of the Nebraska Community Foundation, held in Nebraska City on November 11. Receiving awards for the endowment building efforts were Keith County and Shickley. Atkinson was honored for its innovative fundraising campaign, for the e-bay internet garage sale. Receiving strategic grant making awards were Nebraska City for its non-traditional scholarships and David City for its support of the HomeTown Competitiveness Program, focusing on philanthropy, entrepreneurship, youth attraction and strategic planning.

Jenkins is a native of Chicago and now lives with her husband, Jim and three children on Jim’s family ranch in Custer County. She received her Juris Doctorate from the Boston University School of Law and is a member of the Sennett, Duncan, Borders and Jenkins law firm in Broken Bow. Jenkins is a member of the Callaway School Board, the Board of Directors of the Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Directors of

Legal Aid of Nebraska. She is a trustee and treasurer of United Methodist Church in Callaway.

Thompson is a graduate of Sandhills High School in Dunning and of the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture. He taught agriculture at Sargent High School and is now general manager of field operations for Consolidated Companies, Inc., a family-owned and managed rural Nebraska telecommunications company. He and his wife, Kelli, have four children. Thompson is a board member of the Nebraska Cable Communications Association and the Mid-America Cable Telecommunications Association. He serves on several committees of the Nebraska Telecommunication Association and has served on the City Park Advisory Board at Waverly and is a member of the Telecommunications Management Advisory Council at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Bruner was born in Grand Island and received her Bachelor of Arts in Education degree from Wayne State College. She is a former teacher in the Grand Island Public School System and has lived in North Platte with her husband, Tom, since 1980. She is now a life agent and registered representative with Phares Financial Services in North Platte. She is a member of the National Association of Financial Advisors and has been active in the North Platte Chamber of Commerce, Business and Professional Women. She has been a member of the Civil Service Commission for the City of North Platte for the last seven years.

Harner is a graduate of Chase County High School in Imperial and received her Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center. She obtained her undergraduate degree, Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she was a member of Chi Omega Fraternity and the Society of Innocents. She is managing partner of Hoppe & Harner LLP law firm in Lincoln. She is active in the Lincoln Arts Council, Leadership Lincoln, the Nebraska State Bar Association Volunteer Lawyer Project, and the Nebraska Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Church. She and her husband, Philip Goddard, have one child.

The Nebraska Community Foundation, established in 1993, helps rural Nebraska put charitable giving to work for community and economic development. There are 177 affiliated funds, including 98 funds based in a single town, several communities working together or countywide funds. It has assets of nearly \$19 million and more than \$40 million has been distributed for projects and programs through the affiliated funds. For further information, visit NCF's website at www.nebcommfound.org or contact Jeff Yost, President and CEO, at 402-323-7332