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Nebraska Pea & Lentil Board Announces Inaugural Members & Meeting

Governor Pete Ricketts has appointed the inaugural board of directors for the newly commissioned Dry Pea & Lentil Commission. Three of the districts represent specific territories across Nebraska, while two districts serve as at-large members.

Ben Goding was elected to serve District 1 and represent the Nebraska panhandle. Ben is a farmer from Sidney, NE. His first term will expire on June 30, 2022.

Tyler Hughes was elected to serve District 2, which includes the southwest corner of Nebraska and stretches to the norther boarder of the state. Tyler manages and operates the family farm located around Venango, NE. His term will expire on June 30, 2023.

Eric Thalken was elected to serve District 3, representing all of central and eastern Nebraska. Eric manages and operates an organic farm near Dorchester, NE. His first term will expire on June 30, 2024.

Logan Grovier was elected to serve District 4, one of the two at-large districts on the commission. Logan is a farmer located near Broken Bow, NE. His term will expire on June 30, 2023.

Roland Rushman was elected to serve District 5, the second at-large district on the commission. Roland farms around Gurley, NE. His term will expire on June 30, 2024.

The Dy Pea & Lentil Commission will hold its inaugural meeting on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at the Hampton Inn – Sidney (635 Cabela Drive, Sidney, NE 69162). The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. MDT.

The meeting will include all board members taking the Oath of Office, establishing a budget for FY 2021-2022, developing board policies and procedures, and consider funding proposals. The public is welcome to attend any open portion of the meeting. Interested individuals may contact the NWB office for a copy of the detailed agenda or for more information.

The Nebraska Dry Pea and Lentil Commission administers the check-off of one percent (1%) of the net market value of dry peas and lentils sold through commercial channels in the State of Nebraska. The Commission invests the funds into international and domestic marketing and improvement, research, publicity and education.