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Lorens & Narjes elected as Chair & Vice Chair of the NWB

Lincoln, NE— The Nebraska Wheat Board (NWB) held their first quarter meeting on August 30, 2023 in Ogallala, NE. The meeting included the swearing in of Mark Spurgin as representative of District 7, updates from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, a strategic planning discussion and the election of this year’s Chair and Vice Chair.

Kent Lorens of Stratton, NE was elected as Chair of the NWB for the 2023-2024 year. Kent was appointed to the Nebraska Wheat Board in 2014 by Governor Ricketts complete a vacated term. He was re-appointed for his first full term in 2016 to continue representing District 4. Lorens grew up on the family farm, which he took over in 1986. There he, his wife Marilyn, and their four children grow wheat in addition to a cow-calf operation. Lorens has also been active in many local organizations, including the Hitchcock County School Board, the Dundy County-Stratton School Board, the Stratton Recreation Board, the Hitchcock County Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Wheat Advisory Board. He is also a member of St. Josephs Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Tyson Narjes of Sidney, NE was elected as the Vice Chair of the NWB for 2023-2024. Tyson was appointed to the board in 2018 by Governor Ricketts and represents District 2. He is a fifth-generation to operate the family farm and ranch in Cheyenne County. Tyson, his wife Regina, and



their three children raise hard red winter and hard white wheat, corn and Proso millet. They also run an Angus-Hereford cow-calf operation. Tyson serves on the Cheyenne County Farm Bureau and the Kimball-Banner-Cheyenne County Extension Boards.

Kent and Tyson will serve in their positions through June of 2024. They are responsible for representing Nebraska on the U.S. Wheat Associates Board of Directors by voting on important matters to the industry.

The Nebraska Wheat Board administers the check-off of 0.5% of net value of wheat marketed in Nebraska at the point of first sale. The board invests the funds in programs of international and domestic market development and improvement, policy development, research, promotion, and education.

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