



Rod Christen pictured above

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Rod Christen Appointed as Nebraska Environmental Trust Chairman

The Nebraska Environmental Trust is pleased to announce that Rod Christen has been elected as the new Chairman of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board. Mr. Steve Wellman, Director of the Department of Agriculture, was elected Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Christen was appointed to the Trust board in March of 2009 by Governor Heineman. He was a recipient of the 2007 Leopold Conservation Award presented by the Sand County Foundation and prominent state conservation partners, the 2008 Nebraska Land Stewardship Award presented by the Partnership for All Bird Conservation, and one of the 2009 Master Conservationist Award recipients in the category of production agricultural presented by The Omaha World Herald, as a result of his wildlife friendly practices and land stewardship. Originally from District 1, Rod now represents District 3 on the Trust board, and he will serve until March 10, 2021.

Rod and his wife Amy have two daughters, Dana and Leah and one son, Evan. They operate a cow-calf operation with Rod's sister Kay and their parents, Richard and Sharon.

On their ranch near Steinauer, they use pasture rotation, cross fencing, multiple water sources, controlled burns and cover crops as management and conservation tools to increase plant diversity, habitat and build soil health.

Mr Christen said, "I am excited to serve the board in this capacity. Conservation is a matter of perspective. We need to find ways to integrate conservation efforts into future generations, realizing that landscapes, needs, economic values and people change over time."

For more information, you may contact Ms Sheila Johnson at 402- 471-1714.

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The Christen Family, Front row (left to right), Dana and Rod Christen; Back row (left to right): Evan, Leah and Amy Christen

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