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Nebraska Ethanol Board elects new officers

The Nebraska Ethanol Board elected new officers at its January 16 board meeting.

Mike Thede of Palmer was elected Chair. Thede represents general farming interests on the board and also serves as President of the Howard County Farm Bureau and sits on the United Soybean Board.

Steve Hanson of Elsie was elected Vice Chair. Hanson is the wheat representative.

Tim Else of Belvidere was elected Secretary. Else is the Sorghum representative.

Outgoing Chair Jim Jenkins of Callaway was recognized for his contribution to Nebraska's ethanol industry.

Thede said that he is optimistic about the future of ethanol in light of sales figures and the recently renewed mandate for biofuels.

“2008 was a record setting year for ethanol sales in Nebraska,” Thede said. “In September, 81% of all motor fuels sold in Nebraska contained ethanol. E10 blends were selling from four to ten cents less per gallon than regular gasoline, which saved Nebraska drivers almost \$36 million.”

Established in 1971, the Ethanol Board assists ethanol producers with programs and strategies for marketing ethanol and related co-products. The Board supports organizations and policies that advocate the increased use of ethanol fuels – and administers public information, education and ethanol research projects. The Board also assists companies and organizations in the development of ethanol production facilities in Nebraska. For more information, please visit www.ne-ethanol.org.