

The Nebraska Beef Council (NBC) will hold board of director elections in four districts in 2010.

This opportunity is open to qualified Nebraska beef producers that are 21 years of age or older, a registered voter, and a resident of the district that he or she will represent.

Nebraska Beef Council directors volunteer their time to represent beef producers' checkoff investments on the state and national level.

The Board's major responsibility is to oversee checkoff expenditures by determining promotion, research and education programs for checkoff investments.

The term is four years and will begin on Jan. 1, 2011.

Ann Marie Bosshamer, NBC Executive Director, encourages anyone interested in becoming a beef council director to visit with current and past directors to learn more about this valuable experience and its commitment.

In addition, candidates are encouraged to attend a beef council board meeting to witness firsthand the duties of the board of directors and how the checkoff is invested.

Election packets are available beginning on May 1. Possible candidates must obtain 100 signatures from beef producers in their districts on a candidate petition.

All candidate materials, including signature petition, statement of intent, and candidate affidavit must be returned to the NBC office by Sept. 1.

The following districts will hold elections:

District 2 includes Grant, Hooker, Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Rock, Brown, Keya Paha, and Cherry counties. (Note: Dave Hamilton, the current District 2 director, is eligible for reelection.)

District 4 includes Boyd, Holt, Wheeler, Knox, Antelope, and Boone counties. (Note: David Wright, the current District 4 director, has served two terms and is not eligible for reelection.)

District 6 includes Arthur, McPherson, Logan, Keith, Perkins, Lincoln, Chase, Hayes, Dundy and Hitchcock counties. (Note: Mark Spurgin, the current District 6 director, has served two terms and is not eligible for reelection.)

District 8 includes Adams, Webster, Clay, Nuckolls, Fillmore, Thayer, Seward, Saline, Jefferson, Lancaster, Gage, Otoe, Johnson, Pawnee, Nemaha, and Richardson counties. (Note: Ann Bruntz, the current District 8 director, has served two terms and is not eligible for reelection.)

“Beef producers who are passionate about the industry and who are willing to provide leadership to the beef checkoff program and its investments are needed as we face the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead,” said Bosshamer. “We need strong leaders to enhance our mission and strengthen beef demand in the global marketplace.”

Ballots will be mailed to beef producers in the election districts on Nov. 1 and must be postmarked by Nov. 15 to be eligible. Results will be announced on Dec. 1.

For additional information or to receive a candidate petition packet, contact the council office at 1-800-421-5326.

