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Two new board members recently took their seats on the Perkins County Health Services Foundation Board.

The appointments of Patrick McGreer and Bonnie Taubenheim were approved by the county commissioners and they attended their first official meeting of the year on Jan. 15.

Patrick McGreer is taking the District II position formerly held by Kenny Wykert.

Bonnie Taubenheim is replacing Brenda Kiolbasa who was one of two representatives from the hospital board who fill the capacity on the foundation board.

In expressing her gratitude for past service, PCHS Foundation Administrator Jody Snogren said, "Kenny [Wykert] and Brenda [Kiolbasa] have been hard-working, invested members of our board and they will be greatly missed. However, I am excited with the addition of Patrick [McGreer] and Bonnie [Taubenheim]. I can see them both being assets to the work that our foundation has to accomplish. I look forward to many amazing things happening in 2013!"

Patrick McGreer

Patrick McGreer will be serving on the same board that his mother, Nita McGreer, served on for several years.

"I feel we [Perkins County Health Services] offer excellent health care in Perkins County," said McGreer. "I am hoping to be an asset to the foundation."



McGreer spent his early childhood years in Big Springs, moving to Grant with his family in 1996 and graduating from Grant High School in 2002.

In 2007, he and wife Chelsea (Geisert), who is also a native of Grant, returned to the community after college and he took a position with his family's Pioneer Hi-Bred business as a sales representative.

The couple has two young children, Mason, six, and Haylea, three. They are active in their church, teaching Sunday School and providing nursery care.

McGreer enjoys family time, hunting, fishing and serving as a referee for football games at the junior high level as well as for high school junior varsity.

Bonnie Taubenheim

Having retired from the Farm Service Agency where she spent 32 years, she said she is looking forward to being on the foundation board and serving her community in another way.

Taubenheim said she has a lot to learn but she is already impressed at the amount of assistance the foundation provides for the hospital and the community.



"I feel that we have a great hospital here in Grant," she said. "It is vital to the community for both health care and employment opportunities."

Taubenheim, who was born in Kearney, is a dedicated volunteer in the area who keeps busy dedicating time to the Thrift Shoppe at the senior center, the county's food pantry, and helping to organize and assist at the American Red Cross Bloodmobile.

She is a member of the Grant United Methodist Church and a member of Beta Sigma Phi

Sorority. She enjoys playing bridge, reading, quilting and sewing. Her husband, Glenn, is the branch manager for Sargent Irrigation in Grant. They have a son, Clint, and daughter, Shannon, and five grandchildren that they enjoy.