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Panhandle Resource Conservation & Development, Inc. is pleased to announce the unanimous election results for its Board of Directors Officers on January 8, 2009. During the January meeting, the following Officers were elected: Larry Gibbs, for the office of President, Ron Klemke for the office of Vice-President, and Verlin Bruns for the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

Larry Gibbs is a Gering City Council member, and has served on the Panhandle RC&D board for one year. Larry is taking over the office of President for 2009, and will bring a vast array of knowledge and talents to the RC&D Board of Directors. Larry has done a great job of serving the citizens of Gering, and will continue to do so in this new role.

Ron Klemke is the appointed representative for Garden County, and has served on the Panhandle RC&D board for eight years. Ron has also been Vice-President for RC&D for nine years, and will continue to do so for the 2009. Ron has diligently attended RC&D functions and meetings in order to serve the RC&D Board in the best way possible. Ron will certainly continue to be an asset to the Panhandle RC&D Board of Directors.

Verlin Bruns, the appointed representative for Deuel County, has also been a part of the Panhandle RC&D board for eight years, and has served as the Secretary/Treasurer for eight years. Verlin is incredibly committed to the RC&D cause and brings great enthusiasm and knowledge to the Board of Directors, and will continue to do so for the upcoming year.

Panhandle RC&D is lucky to have these three representatives serve as the Elected Officers for the 2009. Through their guidance and leadership, RC&D will continue its mission of regional betterment for the eleven Panhandle counties in Nebraska through mutual cooperation and participation of private and public interests.

Larry Gibbs, Board President, had this to say: "I'm honored that the board felt me qualified to lead this organization for the next year. I will serve to the best my ability and hope we can have another successful year as we did under previous president Gary Fisher. I look forward to helping Panhandle RC&D grow and meet the challenges that face us and the organizations we work with."

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