

*Board of Governors Search & Interview committee of Chair Rita Skiles, Vice Chair Tom Pirnie and members Sam Cowan, Diane Keller and Dan Quick recommend the appointment of Jason J. Buss to complete the board term vacated for District 1.*

Jason is a resident of Merrick County, living at the address 1820 Pintail Ln Central City, NE 68826.

He currently is employed as the Human Resources Manager and Global Environmental Health & Safety Leader for Camaco, LLC in Columbus, Nebraska. Jason earned a BS degree in Business Administration, and a minor in Spanish from Missouri Western State University.

Excerpts from Jason's letter of interest include:

I have worked in Human Resources, Environmental Health and Safety, predominantly in Manufacturing, for almost 20 years. I have coordinated training served on various advisory boards for the college over the years. As a former deputy director of HR for DHHS, I was fortunate to utilize the Kearney facilities for large employee focus groups there. I participated in Business and Industry advisory boards in both Grand Island and Columbus campuses and most recently participated in the Welding advisory meeting and Mechatronics Education Curriculum's business-industry leadership team.

I enjoy helping lead various non-profit organizations to improve our communities. When I was President of the Columbus Area Recreational Trails we built nearly 5 miles of trail near the Columbus Campus. In Merrick County as President of the Merrick County Child Development Center, helping to improve financial stability, increase capacity to raise over half a Million dollars to pay of the facility debt so they could begin another successful capital campaign to expand even more. I serve as the vice president of the Platte PEER Group where we have built 8.5 miles of the Dark Island Trail and have more than doubled camping at Bader Park. As President of the Nebraska Trails Foundation, we have advocated for the creation of hundreds of miles of trail through millions of dollars in trail investment across the state. I enjoy giving of my time to do good.

I grew up near Hastings, attending classes at the campus in Autobody, Drafting/AutoCAD and College Algebra. Both of my parents, Steve and Vicki Buss, worked for Central Community College-Hastings for the majority of their careers.

Later I attended classes in Microsoft Excel, leadership courses, welding, and robotic welding in Columbus. My wife, Monica, is a labor and delivery nurse and I am fortunate to have experienced her BSN path which she began with courses in Columbus before completing it at UNMC.