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NNTC GM CELEBRATES 2-YEAR TERM AS CHAIRMAN OF NTA BOARD

Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company (NNTC) General Manager Pat McElroy turned over the reigns as Chairman of the Board for the Nebraska Telecommunications Association (NTA) last week after serving in the position for the past two years.

The NTA is a non-profit organization which currently represents 21 telecommunication companies throughout the state of Nebraska. These companies provide Nebraskans with communications technology for today and the future.

During his time as Chairman of the Board, McElroy assisted in getting LB388 passed. The bill signed by Governor Ricketts on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 invests \$40 million toward rural broadband deployment over the next two years. McElroy spoke at the Governor's bill signing.

McElroy also sought out and was instrumental in hiring new NTA President Tip O'Neill after Eric Carstenson retired from the position last year.

"Pat has been a pleasure to work with. His calm demeanor and knowledge of the industry were major factors in leading the NTA to assist in the passage of significant legislation that will benefit our Nebraska customers into the future," said O'Neill.

Jamanda Wolfe, who also works for the NTA, said Pat did a great job keeping communication lines open among the members and growing the membership.

"This especially shined after COVID hit and impacted our members and their territories. Under his leadership we started doing weekly industry calls. It's a chance to work together to figure out the best ways forward," she said.

McElroy will continue to serve as a Board Member and Chair of the Federal Issues Committee for the NTA.

The new Chairman of the Board for the Nebraska Telecommunications Association is Randy Sandman of Diller Telephone Company out of Diller, Nebraska, located 60 miles south of Lincoln.