

KCA Board Appoints Executive Committee

The Kansas Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors has appointed Perry Owens of Minneapolis, Kansas as the new Board President. Owens, a native of Leoti, Kansas moved to Minneapolis seven years ago to manage Ottawa County Feeders. Owens, a lifelong cattleman understands the issues and the challenges that the industry faces.

"Perry's knowledge and dedication to the industry is amazing. Whether facing an environmental regulation, a marketing issue, or a food issue, Perry knows what's going on. He is read up and has the life experience to address it head on," stated KCA Executive Director Brandy Carter.

The Board of Directors also appointed Hal Luthi of Madison as Vice President of the Board. Luthi partners with his son Dallas and backgrounds on the edge of the Flint Hills, maintaining ownership in commercial feedlots in southwest Kansas. The Luthi family markets bulls from their black Simmental cowherd primarily by private treaty.

After his appointment to the Vice President position, Luthi remarked, "It is an honor and a privilege to serve an organization that I identify so closely in beliefs and have a deep respect for its past leadership and members. I eagerly look forward to working with the board in taking on the tasks directed from the membership in this year ahead."

Carter added, "Hal is thought provoking. He addresses all aspects of a situation, and he is never one dimensional. Providing a positive attitude and positive solutions transcends to providing the best representation for our members and the industry as a whole. KCA is very privileged to have Hal Luthi as our Vice President."

Ivan Reimer of Meade, Kansas was appointed as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board. This is Reimer's second term on the Board of Directors. Reimer was on the first Board of KCA in 1998 when the association was founded. Re-elected to the Board in 2009, Reimer has been a leader in the industry and has worked hard to ensure that the directors and staff follow the policies put in place by the membership.

"Ivan is really someone to look up to. He has done a really good job of reflecting on the wishes of the KCA members. When addressing any issue, Ivan looks at the policies put in place by those we are charged with representing. From there, he helps guide the Board as to how to move forward. He really personifies a good leader. We are fortunate to have him in his new leadership role as Secretary/Treasurer as well," remarked Carter.

All members of the Executive Committee will serve a one year term. The three members of the Executive Committee share their duties as part of an eight man Board of Directors. KCA is pleased to have the following producers as the KCA leadership and Board of Directors: Perry Owens of Minneapolis, President; Hal Luthi of Madison,

Vice President; Ivan Reimer of Meade, Sec/Treasurer; Paul Acton of Blue Mound; Mason Greene of El Dorado; Danny Herrmann of Dodge City; Ronnie Rogers of Cedar Vale; Aaron Winter of Dodge City. All of these men volunteer their time and knowledge to protecting and preserving the cattle industry and the producers of Kansas and the United States.