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Judy's retirement open house was earlier this month, and she wanted to say -

"Thanks to those who stopped by and those who sent messages for my retirement. I am honored to have worked with such a tremendous Board, and amazing teammates, as well as the many counties and communities, and funding partners for our region. I count you all as lifelong friends. And thanks to my family who all joined me, but also put up with my crazy schedule throughout the years. I can't say thank you enough for the chance to be a part of this thing called Economic Development. It's complex, it's crazy, but it also makes a positive impact for generations to come."

Meet Carla Kimball, CNEDD's Executive Director

As we've been doing a getting-to-know-you series, it makes sense to learn about our new Executive Director! Carla Kimball started in August 2019 when she was hired as the Disaster Recovery Coordinator after the devastating floods and transitioned to Executive Director in 2023.

Carla lives and works out of Callaway. She and her husband, Duane, will celebrate their 30th anniversary this fall, and they have two adult daughters, Emily and Lucy. Carla has a master's degree in Agronomy, and in her limited free time, she enjoys gardening, canning, travelling, and watching Husker football - yes even in the bad years!

In her new role, she is looking forward to working with communities and counties to continue their growth and attraction of new residents and visitors. **"In my opinion, our region is the best place to live and work.** I got into Economic Development to help find ways to attract my own kids back to my community/area. Both have settled close to home but continuing to attract the youth of our region back is important to me."

As the transition has been very smooth, Carla and the team are constantly keeping their eyes open for new funding opportunities, maybe even ways to fund demolition of dilapidated homes. **(if your community would like to partner with us on this project, let us know today!)**

While Carla is worried about letting something fall through the cracks, she has full support from the team and Boards, and will be a **great leader** for the District. **"I am excited and nervous about this transition. CNEDD has a very strong foundation. I want to continue building this region, and am eager to work with our communities and counties on the projects that they deem important."**



"Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!" — Robin Williams