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Sue Stewart of Haskell, Texas Elected 2025 NAAA Treasurer

ALEXANDRIA, VA – January 8, 2025 – The National Agricultural Aviation Association (NAAA) is pleased to announce that Sue Stewart, an aerial application operator in Haskell, Texas, has been elected treasurer of NAAA for 2025.

In 2005 Stewart and her partner, Dewayne Phillips, purchased what is now known as D & S Aerial, a business that has since become a staple in the local ag aviation community of Haskell, Texas. Phillips operates as the primary pilot of D & S Aerial, while Stewart manages the operation and oversees the business side.

Stewart has been an active member of the New Mexico Agricultural Aviation Association (NMAAA) for over 20 years and a member of NAAA since 2005. She has served on the NAAA board since 2010 and was the association's secretary in 2021.

A key focus for Stewart is ensuring the safety of manned aircraft as drones become more prevalent in both recreational and agricultural applications. She also realizes the importance of the association in ensuring the industry has the tools it needs to treat agricultural land. “NAAA works on crucial issues for our industry,” she notes, referencing the association's efforts in pesticide (re)registration and demonstrating the safety of aerial applicators to regulatory bodies like the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Stewart expresses hope for the future and the aerial application industry, “We do feed and clothe the world, and we are essential.”

Family is central to Stewart’s life. With two adult children of her own and two stepchildren, along with eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, she treasures the time spent with family, especially at local junior livestock shows. For over 50 years, her family has participated in the Fort Worth livestock show, a tradition that highlights her deep roots in agriculture.

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The National Agricultural Aviation Association (NAAA) represents the interests of the 1,560 small businesses in the U.S., whose owners and pilots are licensed as professional commercial aerial applicators that use aircraft to enhance food, fiber, and biofuel production, protect forestry and control health-threatening pests. For more information, please visit AgAviation.org.