

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
November 18, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held November 18th, 2020 beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Rick Nelsen. Present were Lynn Darling, Rick Nelsen and Jim Knips. Also present were John Shea, District Manager, and Robert Demuth, Nobles County.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the November 18, 2020 meeting was reviewed. Darling moved to approve the agenda as presented. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Knips and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the October 21, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Knips moved to approve the minutes as presented. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Knips, and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for October 2020. Darling moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$43,387.02, respectively. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:**

Knips moved to approve the payment for Pat Dorn in the amount of \$300.00 for MN Ag Water Quality. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Knips moved to approve district Manager to sign the amendments for date extension on the 2018 Local capacity and 2018 cost share grants. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2018 amendments take affect when last signature is acquired.

2018-LC-02-Bullerman  
2018-LC-04-Jenninges  
2018-LC-06-Drost  
2018-LC-07-Drost  
2018-LC-08\_Lais  
State cost share  
2018-02-Weiss

Knips moved to amend for the amount for FY20-MRWP-04-Ver Steeg from \$42,994.80 to \$45,505.48. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Darling move to approve the payment of the Missouri River Watershed grant contracts. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY20-MRWP-03-Fick	\$9,079.23
FY20-MRWP-04-Ver Steeg	\$45,505.48
FY20-MRWP-11-Raak	<u>\$4,387.62</u>
Total MRWP	\$58,972.33

Knips moved to approve the contract FY20-MRWP-23-Blankers in the amount not to exceed of \$10,484.81 for Missouri River Watershed implementation Grant. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: None

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT: Shea informed the board on the work that the technician has been doing, surveying, designs, EQIP estimates, and maintenance on the Side by Side.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: None

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS: Demuth shared the information regarding the FEMA road money the county has received, and the negotiations with the unions have come to an agreement.

OLD BUSINESS

MRWP – The group is looking at applying for additional federal funds. Shea is having a meeting later today.

DES MOINES 1W1P – Budget been received. They will begin the planning process soon.

BUFFER – None

SUMMIT LAKE 11 – Shea informed the board that the ditch authority has allowed for an additional water control structure to be added for better management of the water.

COVID – 19 Update – We can use the board room for the time being if social distancing is enforced.

Admin Assistant position- Shea informed the board about the applicants that where received before the deadline and the 3 interviews that the personnel committee and Shea held on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. After discussion of interviewees.

Darling move to hire Tiffini Etsinger to start on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at \$22.00/hr pending background check. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Shea informed the board that Murray SWCD is going to help with QuickBooks payroll for no fee for the duration.

2021 Budget – Shea presented the board with a contract for the CREP/PF position to be placed in Nobles SWCD office. Darling move to accept contract. Knips seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Shea presented the board with a budget with corrections from last month for accuracy.

Knips moved to approve budget as presented. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative:

Darling, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

MASWCD Convention – Shea asked the board if they have been receiving the emails and if there was any interest in attending via teleconference. Pending on speaker's board made no action.

Buffer tech computer- Shea informed the board that the buffer tech computer that will not be needed has a trade in value at Computer Lodge and if wanted we can pursue that route. After discussion, the board made no action on this item.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for December 23, 2020 at 7:30 a.m.

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Ken Wolf, Secretary