

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
May 20, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held March 20, 2020 beginning at 7:33 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Rick Nelsen. Present were Lynn Darling, Rick Nelsen, Ken Wolf and Jim Knips. Also present were John Shea, District Manager; Sabrina Vosberg, Administrative Assistant; Catelyn LaCour, Farm Bill; Scott Runck, District Tech; Robert Demuth, Commissioner; and Nathan Blankers, NRCS.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the May 20, 2020 meeting was reviewed. Darling moved to approve the agenda. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Wolf and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the March 18, 2020 meeting was reviewed. Darling moved to approve the minutes as presented. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Wolf and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for March 2020 and April 2020. Darling moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$31,299.59 and \$29,916.99, respectively. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Wolf and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS: Cost-Share Policy – Shea explained the draft cost-share policy. Discussion occurred on if landowners would be discouraged on completing terraces with the changes.

The Nobles SWCD will cost-share on Terraces and Waterways up to 90% when partnered with a non-state fund source. i.e. – Watershed Funds, NRCS Funds & Federal Funds. This policy will mimic the MRWP cost-share policy.

Farmable Terraces are allowed but will only be cost-shared up to 75% of the total cost.

The allowable distance for a tile outlet is up to 3000 feet from the end of treatment. Any tile beyond that length will be paid by the cooperator. Cost-share funds will be used for the actual diameter of tile needed for the project, and not the diameter desired by the cooperator. Tile length allowable shall be determined by acres treated.

Darling moved to accept the cost-share policy as presented. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Wolf and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2017-LC-10-Onken Kevin/Kraig Onken WWY \$1,345.06

Darling moved to approve the payment in the amount of \$1,345.06 for Kevin/Kraig Onken. Wolf seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips, Langseth and Wolf. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2018 Local Capacity

2018-LC-05-Onken Kevin/Kraig Onken WWY \$3,211.11

Nelsen moved to approve the payment in the amount of \$3,211.11 for Kevin/Kraig Onken. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips, Langseth and Wolf. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: HLWD Annual Report and MASWCD Resolution change for 2020. Resolutions are due to the state office by August 7.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: Staff are back into the office as much as they can. Runck has been getting the tree plantings done for the year. The county approved a drone, side by side and trailer to be shared between the ditch inspector and the SWCD. Shea is working with Heitkamp and Harberts at the County on this process. The side-by-side will be purchased from Jaycox. The drone cost also includes training. It is the same drone that Murray SWCD has. Shea will have a manager's meeting August 18-19.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: Blankers explained the EQIP Emergency Animal Mortality. There will be 3 sign-up periods. Nobles currently has 3 applications funded.

OLD BUSINESS

MRWP – Shea presented the grant agreement for FY20-21 Watershed Based Funding.

After review, Knips moved to accept the grant agreement as presented. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Wolf, Langseth and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Langseth moved to approve the transfer of \$100 to create a savings account at FSBSW. Wolf seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Wolf, Langseth, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

BUFFER – Letters were sent out this spring. A few landowners were upset and a few just asked for them to be flagged.

DES MOINES 1W1P – They are applying for funds to start the 1W1P process. We are still waiting on the final MOA.

LOCAL WORKGROUP – We will get a survey sent out in the next month for landowners to respond.

ARBOR DAY – Trees were dropped off at the schools for those with pick up days. Shea plans to plant the trees for Prairie Elementary.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS – KLRWD will have a meeting tomorrow. OOWD met via zoom on the 5th. They are working on the carp study. The draw down was started on Lake Ocheda and the dam was installed. The county will open-up on May 26th. It will be by appointment only. The county acquisitioned 50 acres in the well-head protection area.

NEW BUSINESS

CREP Tech – The request was sent in for the next two years of CREP funds. It pays for part the Farm Bill positions.

Nobles County Fair- Ecology Bus – Langseth moved to approve providing half the funding for the bus at the fair. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Wolf, Langseth and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2020 at 7:30 a.m.

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Ken Wolf, Secretary