

Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
August 18, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held August 18, 2021, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Lynn Darling. Present were Lynn Darling, Rick Nelsen, Jim Knips, and Paul Langseth. Also, present were John Shea, District Manager; Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative Assistant; Scott Runck, District Technician; Will Gallman, Pheasants Forever Biologist; and Nathan Blankers, NRCS.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the August 18, 2021, meeting was reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the agenda as presented. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the July 2021 meeting were reviewed. Knips moved to approve the minutes as presented. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for August 2021. Langseth moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$70,430.83 respectively. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS: none

CORRESPONDENCE: none

District Manager Report – Shea updated the board that the contract with Pheasants Forever to house a position in Nobles County has been accepted. We are now waiting for the state so we can get our CREP funds. The WIA signage has been removed from Summit Lake. Des Moines 1W1P meeting Thursday September 19th at the Cotyonwood Law Enforcement Center at 9am. And the MRWP meeting will be August 25th at the Luverne Library at 9am.

District Technician Report – The construction work for the Bullerman project has been completed. Business as usual.

District Conservationist Report - Nathan went to the cover crops for forage production and pasture management field day by Jasper on July 22nd. He has been working on Aglearn Trainings, and recently earned a Level 1 certified planner status, still working towards level III. He can now start to get some JAA. The EQIP applications are all obligated for Nobles County that were preapproved. They have been making payments for EQIP still, mostly residue payments. NRCS has a CSP signup coming up to rank, Nobles has 8 applications that screened high. Also, they are catching up at Region C and Certified Wetland Determinations have been completed in less than a month on the requests that do not require a field visit.

Watershed Districts and Other Reports – OnO went over the drawn down. Looking at DNR recommendations for another draw down. Since we didn't get a complete carpe kill last year, still a decent amount out there. Still doing carpe tracking in Okabena. School 1 pond or 2 still in discussion. How do we fit in the practice fields and the ponds etc.

Old Business: none

New Business:

a. 2020 Audit - Etsinger updated the board that the 2020 audit has begun. They have the files for review currently

b. Learning Area Tours – Etsinger went over the dates of the potential tour dates. The SWCD will cover the lunches for the volunteers.

Calendar of Events:

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for September 15th at 7:30am

ADJOURN: August 18th, at 8:00 am.

Secretary