

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
November 17, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held November 17, 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, Nathan Their, and Paul Langseth. Also, present were John Shea, District Manager; Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative Assistant; Scott Runck, District Technician; Will Gallman, Pheasants Forever Biologist; Nathan Blankers, NRCS; and Bob Demuth, County Commissioner.

**AGENDA:** The Agenda for the November 17, 2021, meeting was reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the agenda as presented. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Their, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MINUTES:** The minutes for the October 20, 2021, meeting were reviewed. Knips moved to approve the minutes as presented. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Their, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** The Treasurer’s Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for October 2021. Langseth moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$53,484.04 respectively. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Their, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:**

**MRWP – Payments**

<b>01-Drost</b>	<b>Gary Drost</b>	<b>WWY</b>	<b>\$10,940.64</b>
<b>42-Bullerman</b>	<b>Jeff &amp; Ted Bullerman</b>	<b>WWY</b>	<b>\$7,366.90</b>
<b>28-Roskamp</b>	<b>Lucas Roskamp</b>	<b>WASCB</b>	<b>\$66,838.80</b>
<b>29-Roskamp</b>	<b>Lucas Roskamp</b>	<b>WWY</b>	<b>\$15,143.37</b>

Langseth moved to approve the 4 cost-share payments for the MRWP. Thier seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Knips and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**SWCD – Local Cost Share**

<b>SWCD-53</b>	<b>Jeff Bullerman</b>	<b>Conservation Use Acres</b>	<b>\$945.00</b>
<b>SWCD-54</b>	<b>Terri Elias</b>	<b>Conservation Use Acres</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>SWCD-55</b>	<b>Steve Elias</b>	<b>Conservation Use Acres</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>SWCD-56</b>	<b>Phil Joens</b>	<b>Conservation Use Acres</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>

Langseth moved to approve the 4 cost-share payments for the SWCD. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Knips and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**District Manager Report** – Shea updated the board on the Land O Lakes position, nothing new but staying in touch.

He let the board know last time FSA purchased the filters for the water system, asked for a motion for the SWCD to get the filters this time. Langseth moved to have the SWCD get the filters. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Their, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Shea talked to the board about updating the Technician and the District managers computers. Shea had 2 quotes for the board. Langseth moved to get the computers from Dell. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Their, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Also, MPCA SWAG is looking at doing a sampling contract. Water would need to get into the lab within 30hrs.

**District Technician Report** – Scott- finished some waterways, and basins.

**District Conservatoinist Report** – Blankers updated the board, he and Aaron have finished doing interviews for CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program) for the 2022 renewal signup. And completed the assignment and ranking on the applications that screened high. They continued certifying Annual Payments for CSP and have a few already paid. Their payment can be either taken in 2021 or 2022. They have been making payments and working on certifying EQIP practices. Some residue payments, nutrient and pest management and modifications. Also, 1026s (HEL and Wetland Compliance) requests are coming in. A few more calls and interest coming with crops coming off. They have also been getting completed determination back from Marshall, responding to the producer with that information and filing our copy and giving FSA theirs. 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. They had CSP training for the 2022 renewal signup in Pipestone on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October. This was for mostly instructions on how to complete the assessment and ranking.

**Watershed Districts and Other Reports** –

Langseth spoke about O&O Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Ocheda Lake draw down logs pulled in September. The lake has not drop at all. The beaver dam is covered with water. Dan got a drone, and he is getting his pilot's license. Commerce fisher man is looking at harvesting carp on Okabena. MAWD is online this yeard Dan and Kasey are going to attend that. Also finalized the 2022 budget. Sent out CRP filter strip payments in October.

Bob Demuth-

Nov 2 Four action items where discussed and approved.

Lincoln Pipestone Rural water bond refunding, 6mill loan, refunded to save 200,000 in interest.

Approved overhead door on the public works building 10k door.

Approve sale of 1 house on Kentucky Ave sold the building, will be used as commercial use in Adrian.

The elected officials pay was reviewed and approved as follows

Attorney was given a 6% raise

3.4% increase for the Auditor recorder

5% increase Sheriff 99.5

Will- working on CRP contracts, CREP opened until dec 21<sup>st</sup> most have ranked high enough

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

- a. Drone Training- the training went well. We should get a box to keep the blades on the drone, to help prevent damage. Also, additional charger and batteries. Shea sent the list to County Administrator to try to get some funding for this.
- b. Truck Tires – the Chevy needs new tires; the board said to go ahead and get it done.
- c. Vehicle Maintenance – The heat needed to be fixed on the impala again.
- d. MASWCD 2021 Annual Convention- The board discussed the per diem and miles. Knips moved to pay 2 per diems and full miles for this convention. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling,

Langseth, Nelsen, Knips and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. Need to register 6 people, 4 supervisors and 2 staff members.

- e. Area 5 Meeting SWMASWCD 18<sup>th</sup> - Knips, Runck, Shea, and Etsinger will be attending this meeting.
- f. Buffer Update – Shea has been out checking all of the buffers, most are in compliance.
- g. BWSR Visit – Goodrich stopped out and talked with the staff and did a quick review on a few things.
- h. Radio Works Public Service Announcement – The radio station is offering free public service announcements if we have anything that needs to be announced we can stop out and record it.
- i. BWSR Grant Agreements
  - i. **Request Grant Extensions –**
    - P19-2383 2019 SWCD Local Capacity Services & P19-2475 2019 Buffer Law** extensions have been accepted by BWSR. Knips moved to accept the new grant extensions. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Knips and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
    - ii. **State Cost Share** –Langseth moved to approve the following grant agreement listed below. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Knips and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
      - P22-5531 2022 Conservation Delivery**
      - P23-5621 2023 Conservation Delivery**
      - P22-5711 2022 State Cost-Share Fund**
      - P23-5801 2023 State Cost-Share Fund**
    - iii. **Local Capacity & Buffer Law** – Knips moved to approve the following grant agreement listed below. Nelson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Knips and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
      - P22-6131 2022 SWCD Local Capacity Services**
      - P22-6221 2022 Buffer Law**
    - iv. **CREP Outreach** – Nelson moved to approve the following grant agreement listed below. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Knips and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
      - P22-7026 2022 CREP Outreach and Implementation**
  - j. 2022 Budget – John requested funds for the upcoming year from the county, to help the SWCD. The Board requested a pay scale for 2022 and the budget/personal committee to meet again to discuss possible increases. Langseth moved to table the budget until after the meetings. Nelson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Knips and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**Calendar of Events:**

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am

**ADJOURN:** November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 9:04 am

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Secretary