

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
April 21, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held April 21, 2021 beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Lynn Darling. Present were Lynn Darling, Rick Nelsen, Nathan Thier, Jim Knips, and Paul Langseth. Also present were John Shea, District Manager; Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative Assistant; Scott Runck, District Technician; Will Gallman, Watershed Tech.

**AGENDA:** The Agenda for the April 21, 2021 meeting was reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the agenda as presented. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Knips and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MINUTES:** The minutes for the March 17, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the minutes as presented. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Knips and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for March 2021. Thier moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$26,097.92, respectively. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Knips and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS: none**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Etsinger reviewed the Summit Lake property tax for 2021. The board approved the payments for the year.

**DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT:** John reported that he will have an in-person Manager's meeting at the end of June.

**DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST:** Nathan reported the following, EQIP application are ranked now. We have our preapprovals and are busy working towards contracts on 4 applications so far. I am done with the virtual training for Engineering bootcamp and just have a field day left. Allisa provided training to Will and me on completing CRP plans.

1026s (drainage request) has still been coming in. They are catching up at Region C and Certified Wetland Determinations are have been completed in less than a month on the requests that do not require a field visit.

There is also CSP signup to screen. I may not be allowed to work on it because I have a brother who applied in the signup. Cheryl Heard sent up a request to see how to handle it and her husband is in the sign-up as well.

There is an urgency right now to complete EQIP contracts. The quicker and fewer errors in our new contracts the better chance we have to get more money and more contracts for our team (area).

**DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT:** Tree pick up day was last week. Sold 530 pots 6500 bare roots. Cost share 6 of them all maxed out. Runck reported that 16 plantings, and 15 matting installations are set up. Drill has been busy, 1 repair this week. Took it to Jaycox. The Board Reviewed the drill policy, we need to return faster. It was agreed that we will charge a daily rental fee if not returned within 24 hours. Seed sales has been picking up, and the drill has been busy. Voss project seeded and waiting for bills, 2 other projects staked, and 6 conservation use projects so far.

**WATERSHED DISTRICTS & OTHER REPORTS:** Langseth reported on OnO April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Really good fish in Ocheda. Took out 6000lbs. DNR stocked with perch and northern. UM Duluth, studied the buffalo fish, took over 100 buffalo fish, check the ear bone, to see how old he fish are. Trying to track population.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MRWP – Update: Shea discussed with the board the outcome of the joint Powers board meeting.

- a. Contracts: all contracts were approved.
- b. Workplan: Shea discussed that the work plan was opened and some of the funds from the technical Assistance moved into the BMP funds to cover the contracts.
- c. Contract for Service: Shea explained that this expires in 21, the funds go till 22, in 22 the next funding payment will come in. Do we want to extend it for 2 years or 4yrs? The board agreed they would extend it for the 4yrs.

Audit Letter: Etsinger presented the board the Audit letter with the timing of the Audit and total possible expense of the Audit. Langseth moved to accept the Audit letter as is. Their 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 May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

**ADJOURN:** April 21, 2021 at 8:10am.

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Paul Langseth, Secretary