

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
October 20, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held October 20, 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 October 20, 2021, meeting was reviewed. Knips moved to approve the agenda as presented. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Their, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MINUTES:** The minutes for the September 2021 meeting were reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the minutes as presented. Nelsen 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 September 2021. Knips moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$90,872.93 respectively. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Their, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:**

**State Cost Share**

FY20-01-Schwab	Susan Schwab	WWY	Nobles	\$4721.40
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Knips moved to approve the cost-share contract FY20-01. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Knips and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MRWP – Payments**

31-VanEssen	Del VanEssen	WWY	Pipestone	\$10,097.47
30-VanEssen	VanEssen Credit Trust	WWY	Pipestone	\$8,199.20
07-Fuerstenberg	Wes Fuerstenberg	WWY	Rock	\$5,684.33

Langseth moved to approve the 3 cost-share payments for the MRWP. Thier seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Knips and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MRWP TSA Payment – TSA QTR 3 Bill for \$7024.15**

Knips moved to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr payments for the MRWP TSA services. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Knips and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**Rock County Contract** for FY20-MRWP-27 Binford was discussed Rock County would like to do an amendment to increase the funds, this will need to go to the Joint Powers Board.

Langseth moved to have the contract go to the Joint Powers board for an amendment. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Knips and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**District Manager Report** – Shea updated the board that the next Des Moines policy meeting is October 21<sup>st</sup>. There is a possible position between the New Vision Coop and Land O’ Lakes with an RCPP type Grant. It will put a person at the coop to work with conservation with landowners. We would do in kind hours. Board members agreed with going forward on this. There is a manager meeting November 9-10 in Brainard MN. Shea will be presenting at the BWSR academy covering Groundwater and the different strategies. SWMASWCD meeting in Marshall November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**District Technician Report** – none

**District Conservationist Report** – Blankers reported that he and Aaron have been doing interviews for CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program) for the 2022 renewal signup. They also been getting their fields mapped into CD (Conservation Desktop). Nobles will need to rank at least 8 applications that screened high. They also started certifying Annual Payments for CSP. We have a couple already paid. There payment for the most part can be either taken in 2021 or 2022. We have been making payments for EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program). Some residue payments, nutrient and pest management and modifications. For CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) we are finishing up getting signatures and processing a few CRP cost share items. 1026s (HEL and Wetland Compliance) requests are coming in. A few more calls and interest coming with crops coming off. 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. We have CSP training for the 2022 renewal signup in Slayton on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October.

**Watershed Districts and Other Reports** – Shea informed the board that the KLR Audit went well. Langseth spoke about the O&O meeting, the watershed purchased a drone. They also had a meeting with the school about the westside ponds and the water quality projects. The stop logs were pulled in the Ochedeyn lake to drain it slowly. Demuth mentioned Jolene Ennenga was recognized for her years of service. He also spoke about the Unions in Nobles County, there are 7 of them, the Highway Union approved the cost-of-living increase. The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Old Jail was turned into a data center, and it will cost about \$90,000 for a backup cooler.

**Old Business:** Wetland Area Tours, we had these September 20-22. It went well the kids enjoyed it. Monday was rained out, but they still did the bus, and some of the students came out the following week for the tour.

**New Business:**

- a. NACD Dues The board agreed to the \$501 due for the 2022 year. Langseth moved to approve the amount of \$501.00 for the dues. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Knips, Their. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
- b. MASWCD 2021 Annual Convention – The board discussed doing 2 baskets for the silent auction for convention.
- c. BWSR Grant Agreements
  - i. Request Grant Extensions – Shea spoke with the board about needing a grant extension for the Local Capacity 2019 grant. Langseth moved to request an extension. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Knips, and Their. Opposed: None. Motion Carried
  - ii. State Cost Share - Shea is currently working on this
  - iii. Local Capacity - Shea is currently working on this
  - iv. Buffer Law - Shea is currently working on this

**Calendar of Events:**

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am

**ADJOURN:** October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 8:22am

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Secretary