

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
February 16, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held February 16, 2022, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Paul Langseth. Present were Lynn Darling, Rick Nelsen, Nathan Thier, and Paul Langseth. Also, present were John Shea, District Manager; Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative Assistant; Scott Runck, District Technician; Nathan Blankers, NRCS; and Jess DeKam.

**AGENDA:** The Agenda for the February 16, meeting was reviewed. Darling moved to approve the agenda as presented. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MINUTES:** The minutes for the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Nelsen moved to approve the minutes as presented. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for January 2022. Darling moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$217,813.46 respectively. Thier seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Etsinger updated the board on the status of the Environmental Fair. There is discussion about not continuing it or reworking it. There will be another meeting in the future to discuss further. The board members would like to see this continue vs dissolving it.

**District Manager Report** – Shea updated the board the server has been upgraded. Just need the county to install the imagery.

**District Technician Report** – none

**District Conservationist Report** – Blankers reported that they are making payments for EQIP. Some nutrient management, pest management and cover crop payments. Also, in the middle of doing some planning for EQIP. March 4<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to have the EQIP assessment and ranking completed. They finished making CSP payments and modifications for FY21. Also doing CRP seed checkouts and getting modification to midterm management and contract ownership changes. Paul Spartz is out of the office until April.

**Watershed Districts and Other Reports** – O & O was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

**Old Business**

**MRWP-** Shea reported that Houston finished the worksheet and the SWCD's have been testing it out. A workgroup will meet on February 23<sup>rd</sup> to review the workplan, scoring and ranking along with review this new tool. Hoping to have a Policy meeting in March.

**Des Moines 1W1P** – March 17<sup>th</sup> Policy meeting. Discussions on Joint Powers Board or a Joint powers agreement and how to function when the planning is complete.

**Supervisor Vacancy** – Jess DeKam would like to fill Jim Knips spot on the Nobles SWCD Board. Nelsen moved to appoint Jess DeKam to the board. Thier seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**New Business:**

**Legislative Days** - Board to decide if they want to go and Tiffini will make arrangements and start scheduling meetings with the legislative staff. Rick yes Lynn, Nathan, Paul – maybe

**Supervisor Training** – BWSR would possibly host a training for supervisors and staff, this would be good for the new members and staff.

**Area V Meeting** – the staff members will be going to this February 17<sup>th</sup> in Marshall.

**Grant Finalization** – Shea went through the list of grants that have been finalized and verified by BWSR. Etsinger went over the Local Capacity 2019 Grant Reconciliation from Julie at BWSR.

**Pheasants Forever Sponsorship** – Shea asked the board if they wanted to do a sponsorship this year. It would be 150 cedars gifted by SWCD and then PF would purchase 150 trees, in addition the SWCD would donate \$300.00 Nelsen moved to do the sponsorship for 2022. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**Control Coop** – Etsinger informed the board that we received a dividend check from them. They did some work for Missouri River projects. The board requested for Etsinger to deposit it into the MRWP savings account.

**SWAG Grant:** It would be a 2-year grant for \$26,230.00. This would be sampling 3 lakes and 5 rivers in our area. The Grant would start March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Their moved to accept the SWAG Grant. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**Calendar of Events:**

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for March 16 at 7:30am

**ADJOURN:** February 16<sup>th</sup>, at 8:39 am

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Secretary