

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
October 21, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held October 21, 2020 beginning at 7:36 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Rick Nelsen. Present were Lynn Darling, Paul Langseth, Rick Nelsen and Jim Knips. Also present were John Shea, District Manager; Sabrina Vosberg, Administrative Assistant; Scott Runck, District Technician; Nathan Thier, Landowner; Nathan Blankers, NRCS; and Robert Demuth, Nobles County.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the October 21, 2020 meeting was reviewed. Darling moved to approve the agenda with the additional line for Administrative Assistant Position. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the September 16, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the minutes as presented. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Knips arrived at 7:40am

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for September 2020. Langseth moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$51,481.73, respectively. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:**

Langseth moved to approve the payment for John Brake in the amount of \$100.00 for MN Ag Water Quality. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: PF Magazine, MN Land Trust Report, and Public Hearing Notifications.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: Shea shared the news of his second born. He will be back in the office next week.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT: Business as usual. Runck has been going out and surveying as needed.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: Blankers shared the NRCS report. CSP payments are going out now or can be deferred until 2021. November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 is the deadline to get EQIP applications in for 2021.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS: Demuth shared the reappointment of the County Assessor. He then briefed the board on the CARES Act. Demuth then shared on the OOWD. The draw down of Lake Ocheda has so far been a success.

#### OLD BUSINESS

MRWP – The group is looking at applying for additional federal funds. Shea is hoping to have a meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup> to continue working on the grant.

DES MOINES 1W1P – Funding has been received. They will begin the planning process soon.

BUFFER – A letter showing acceptance of the planted buffer has been requested.

Langseth moved to approve sending the letter to Justin Hoffman. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

SUMMIT LAKE 11 – The spraying for weeds will happen last year. Shea discussed ordering 10 acres of seed. Shea then requested a motion to ask the county.

Langseth moved to request a second structure on SL11 for water control from the Ditch Authority. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Knips moved to order seed for the SL11 site. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COVID – 19 Update – We can use the board room for the time being if social distancing is enforced.

#### 2021 Budget –

CREP Tech/PF Position – Tanner Bruse briefed the Board on the PF position. He would remain as the direct supervisor as Shea would remain the day to day contact. The pay and benefits would come from Pheasants Forever. Partner agencies can report back to Bruse on the employee's evaluation.

Langseth moved to partner the Farm Bill Position with Pheasants Forever. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Healthcare – Knips moved to keep offering PEIP to employees. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Admin Assistant Position – Vosberg has turned in her notice and will be done at the SWCD on November 6, 2020.

Langseth moved to approve contracting the admin services with another agency (i.e. – Murray SWCD) for the time being. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Nelsen moved to approve Darling and Knips sit on the Personnel Committee for interviews. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Langseth moved to approve advertising for the Payroll/Account Assistant until November 9<sup>th</sup>. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Nobles 2 Wind Project – Shea is requesting a motion to release the credit funds for the wetland impacts. The project was completed.

Langseth moved to release the credit funds. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

OLSON ARENA – Darling moved to accept the agreement with Extension as presented. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

NOTARY – Knips moved to approve the costs associated the Shea becoming a Notary. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MASWCD RESOLUTION PACKETS – Resolutions will need to be in by November 1<sup>st</sup> to meet the state deadline.

NACD – Langseth moved to contribute \$200 to NACD. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2020 at 7:30 a.m.

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Ken Wolf, Secretary