

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
February 19, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held February 19, 2020 beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Rick Nelsen. Present were Lynn Darling, Rick Nelsen, Jim Knips and Paul Langseth. Also present were John Shea, District Manager; Sabrina Vosberg, Administrative Assistant; Catelyn LaCour, Farm Bill Technician; Scott Runck; Levi Campion, NRCS; Bob Demuth, Nobles County Commissioner; Nathan Blankers, NRCS.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the February 19, 2020 meeting was reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the agenda as presented. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Knips, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the January 15, 2020 meeting was reviewed. Darling moved to approve the minutes as presented. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Knips, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for January 2020. Langseth moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$97,240.62. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS: 2018 Local-Capacity Cost-Share Payment.

<b>2018-LC-03-Bullerman</b>	<b>Colt Bullerman</b>	<b>WASCOB</b>	<b>\$16,731.55</b>
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Knips moved to approve the payment in the amount of \$16,731.55 for Colt Bullerman. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Heron Lake Watershed Cover Crop Meeting, MCIT Bulletin, MAWQCP flyer. Knips talked about the NACD annual meeting. He mentioned the various programs that should be rolling out soon. The various booths at the event focused on grants and conservation education in the schools.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Buffer – Still waiting for the letter to be sent.

Summit Lake 11 – DU had students clean out the boxes. No sign of eggs in any of boxes, but it looked like a couple had been used.

DES MOINES 1W1P – In the beginning stages of the 1W1P process. Jackson SWCD is looking at being the fiscal host as of now with Murray County working on the grant application.

MRWP – Discussion occurred on who would be fiscal host for the partnership. Next steps include a budget and workplan for the grant money. The board also accepted the \$50,000 threshold for projects. Anything over that amount must be approved by the partnership. The next meeting is March 11.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: Shea has 3 old computers to dispose of. He is planning to take them to computer lodge or public works. Shea then discussed the tree planters. Currently, we have three and we only use one.

Langseth moved to approve payment of \$750 for environmental fair. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Knips, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Shea then mentioned potentially switching to outlook. Vosberg will get numbers and bring them to the board.

Finally, Shea discussed the Ocheda Lakeshore restoration project and the OOWD easement. Al Langseth asked what could be done with the easement on that site and if it could be removed.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: Campion mentioned the March 13 deadline for EQIP. The deadline for CSP is March 6 with the CSP renewal deadline March 20. CSP renewals can only renew if this is their first renewal, if it is the second, they have to wait two years. LaCour has been working on CRP.

#### WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS

Shea reported on KLRWD. The board partnered with the City of Adrian on a wellhead project. Langseth reported on OOWD. The draw down is still on hold and the fish kill might not happen again this year based on water level. They are still working on the carp study in Lake Okabena. Demuth reported on the county. Street lighting on rural roads was discussed. Lincoln-Pipestone Rural water is looking to renew their bonds. Requests for support from the HLWD for increasing the levy cap and for bonding authority. The first request was tabled, but the second request was defeated. Knips reported on the TSA interviews from yesterday. They were able to offer the position to two applicants.

#### NEW BUSINESS

PHEASANTS FOREVER BANQUET DONATION - Langseth moved to provide 150 trees and planter to the PF auction. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

PHEASANTS FOREVER SPONSORSHIP – Darling moved to sponsor PF for \$300. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

PHEASANTS FOREVER – FARM BILL POSITION – Langseth moved to request a \$3,000 partnership amount from Nobles County PF. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2019 ANNUAL REPORT – Langseth moved to approve the report as presented. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

LOCAL WORK GROUP – The board would like to have the meeting April 8, 2020 at 8 am in the USDA meeting room.

MASWCD AREA 5 MEETING – Meeting is tomorrow in Slayton. Knips, Vosberg, Shea and Runck plan to attend.

HR TRAINING-MCIT – Langseth moved to approve sending Vosberg to the HR-MCIT training. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

LEGISLATIVE DAYS – Nelsen, Darling, Langseth and Shea plan to attend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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Ken Wolf, Secretary