

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
December 15th, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held December 15, 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, 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 December 15, 2021, meeting was reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the agenda as presented. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for November 2021. Langseth moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$123,856.56 respectively. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

MRWP – Payments

41-Elias	Steve Elias	WWY	Nobles	\$40,902.52
08-Fuerstenberg	Wes Fuerstenberg	WASCB	Rock	\$10,713.89
17-Bullerman/Bar S	Brandee Bullerman/Bar S	WWY	Rock	\$25,414.90
18-Bullerman/Bar S	Brandee Bullerman/Bar S	WASCB	Rock	\$39,212.71
13-Lais	Jeff lais	WWY	Murray	\$26,588.18
56-Lais	Jeff lais	WASCB	Murray	\$18,175.79
45-Schilling	Derek Schilling	WASCB	Nobles	\$36,854.30

\$18,521.48 is needed from District Savings to cover the above payments and keep \$1000.00 in the account to keep it open until the next MRWP funding is deposited into the MRWP savings account.

Knips moved to approve the 7 cost-share payments and transfer of funds for the MRWP. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2018-LC-07-Drost WWY Jesse Drost has sent a letter to cancel his contract.

Langseth moved to accept the letter and cancel the contract. Nelsen Seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY19-LC-04-Drost WWY Jesse Drost has sent a letter to cancel his contract.

Nelsen moved to accept the letter and cancel the contract. Knips Seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY19-LC-03 Drost WASCB Amendment for Date and authorized amount.

Langseth moved to accept the Amendment for \$41,000.00 with the contract install date of 12/31/22. Nelsen Seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

District Manager Report – Shea updated the board on the SWAG grant. It would be based in Jackson as they have a water meter. Also discussed how to rank local funding questions, if people apply for watershed funding could it be extra points for Equip?

District Technician Report – none

District Conservationist Report – Blankers reported on trying to meet with David Voigt this week to get my Level III Certified Planner. Payments for EQIP, Some nutrient management, pest management and cover crop have gone out. Starting to do some planning for EQIP. It will not be long and all the EQIP applications will have to be ranked and assessed. We have been making CSP payments and modifications.

Aaron and I have been doing CRP seed checkouts and getting modification to midterm management and contract ownership changes approved and signed by NRCS. A fair amount of interest has come in since crops are off to do tiling. Have been responding to 1026 requests and sending the information to Region C if they still need a CWD.

Watershed Districts and Other Reports –

Old Business

MASWCD Convention – Paul- pretty good convention, break out sessions were informative. Jim- have to be careful what we publish. Contractor amounts names, dollar amounts. Scammers can try to get the money from banks etc. Have separate emails for the board staff? Jim- big weakness is ominous bill everything under one bill. Its harder to get things to pass, we want things to be discussed. Lots Changed over the last 4 yrs. Great people not wanting to run for office because of extreme confrontation. Keynote speaker Keith Richardson from National Geographic did a really great job showing ag all over the world.

Des Moines 1W1P – policy and planning meeting Dec 16 in Windom. Going pretty well

Buffers – Shea went out for a few weeks and looked at all the buffers that needed to be reviewed or red changed a lot from red to compliant a few that were compliant to red. About 5 to do still. Used the drone quite a bit to check some of these buffers.

New Business:

Pay Scale: Shea presented the board with a pay scale for the SWCD employees, Effective Jan 1st 2022. Knips moved to approve the pay scale. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2022 Budget- Shea presented the board with the 2022 budget. After review Langseth moved to accept the budget with pay increases for all staff based on the adopted Pay scale. as presented. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

KLR Contract for 2022-2023 – Board reviewed the contracted for SWCD services for KLR. Langseth moved to accept the contract. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Calendar of Events:

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for January 19th at 7:30am

ADJOURN: December 15th, at 8:55 am

Secretary