

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
May 19, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held May 19, 2021 beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Lynn Darling. Present were Lynn Darling, Rick Nelsen, Nathan Thier, 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, and Nathan Blankers, NRCS.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the May 19, 2021 meeting was reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the agenda as presented. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Knips and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for April 2021. Knips moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$43,092.77, respectively. Thier seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Knips and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

Local Capacity-

FY19-LC-05-Loonan	Jerry Loonan	WWY	\$12,000
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Knips moved to approve the payment of the contract in the amount of \$12,000 for Jerry Loonan. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips, Langseth and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MRWP Cost Share-

FY20-MRWP-40-Meinders	Jerome Meinders	Nobles	WASCB	
	\$26,854.50			
FY20-MRWP-51-Kooistra	Mark Kooistra	Rock	Cover Crop	\$1,057.25

Langseth moved to approve cancelling the 2 contracts for the MRWP. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips, Langseth and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY20-MRWP-05-Twila Ver Steeg	From \$46,655.10 to \$39,696.59
FY20-MRWP-29-Roskamp	From \$27,366.44 to \$28,366.44

FY20-MRWP-31 VanEssen **From \$18,879.56 to \$19,879.56**

FY20-MRWP-30-VanEssen **From \$9,929.89 to \$10,629.89**

Nelsen moved to approve the amounts for the 4 amendments and to approve the district Manager to sign the amendments on the FY20 Missouri River Grant. Thier seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips, Langseth and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY20-MRWP-55-Sybesma **Stuart Sybesma** **Rock** **WWY**
\$8,906.40

FY20-MRWP-56-Lais **Jeff Lais** **Murray** **WASCB**
\$23,538.00

Their moved to approve the 2 cost-share contracts for the MRWP. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Knips and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: Olson Arena the doors are in, we have three openers, and the bills are a bit higher than expected. Discussed working with 4H on rent to compensate for changes in bill. The Pheasants Forever Banquet will be a drive through style on May 21st from 4:30-8:00pm. They will serve food to go and an online auction.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: Nathan reported the following,

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT: Runck reported that the Diekman Loonan project was completed. Also, the John Ahlers project is done and federally funded. The drills are still very busy. We also had a few issues with the 7ft drill. It has a valve stem that is bad, had Jaycox fix it. One tree planting left, lots of matting to do. We will use tractor to do matting. Overall, the planting went well this year.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS & OTHER REPORTS: Shea reported KLR is business as usual. He mentioned Heron Lake Watershed has advertised for Jane’s position. Andy hasn’t had any applications for the position yet. Langseth reported on the OnO meeting. The City of Worthington/Olson Trust was not happy with the carp report. Spent a lot of money on the tagging. They haven’t gotten the result they wanted. He mentioned the floating island was tipped over by the college location. Dan was not sure how it flipped they had to redo the island. The OnO will continue zoom meetings at this point.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

2022 CREP/Pheasants Forever Position – Shea sent request to keep Will on staff.

NACD Summer Meeting – Shea went over the details of the meeting with the board members.

Vehicle Repairs – The Impala had no heat it was just over \$500 in repairs, we got it fixed. We will need tires on the Chevy this fall. Possibly the car as well.

MRWP Meeting

Administrator Agreement – Shea presented the agreement to the board to extend the admin agreement to the same time frame as the funding in the grant. Langseth moved to approve the agreement thru 2025. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, Knips and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

RCPP \$600,000.00 Partnership Contribution. Shea spoke about a partnership with the Nature conservatory and Cargill. It would provide us with agronomy in the area and on projects we are already working on. It is a 600,000-partner contribution not a match. We at SWCD applied in the fall for RCPP funding in the fall and it was denied. Langseth moved to approve the partnership. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips, Langseth and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MRWP Joint Powers Meeting 6-2-21 10am Luverne.

West Fork Des Moines 1W1P will have a policy meeting in Murray county at the fairgrounds May 20th.

Frontier Precision – Etsinger/Shea spoke about the Drone Expense to upgrade mapping software; it is needed to stay current. The board agreed.

Nobles County Water Plan – Shea spoke to the board about adopting the Nobles County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan. Darling offered the following resolutions, No. 2021-01, and Nelsen moved Darling moved the adoption. Nelsen seconded the adoption of the resolution. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips, Langseth and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried

Arbor Day Trees – Etsinger updated the board on how many trees were gifted to the local students in Nobles county and the costs.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for June 16th at 7:30 a.m.

ADJOURN: May 19, 2021 at 8:24am.

Paul Langseth, Secretary