

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
April 17, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held April 17, 2019 beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Paul Langseth. Present were Lynn Darling, Jim Knips and Paul Langseth. Also present were: John Shea, District Manager; Sabrina Raddle, Administrative Assistant; Catelyn LaCour, Farm Bill Technician; Scott Runck, District Technician; Karen Boysen, NRCS.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the April 17, 2019 meeting was reviewed. Knips moved to approve the agenda as presented. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the March 20, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Knips moved to approve the minutes as presented. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for March 2019. Knips moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$31,879.27. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Rick Nelsen arrived at 7:40 am

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS: The 2017 Local Capacity Cost-Share log was presented. Two projects needed to be cancelled and one needed to be added.

2018-01-Loonan	Jerry Loonan	WWAY	\$4,572.90
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Darling moved to approve the contract for Jerry Lonnan in the amount of \$4,572.90. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2018-LC-02-Bullerman	Bullerman Livestock/Colt Bullerman	WASCOB	\$21,971.46
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Knips moved to approve the contract for Bullerman Livestock/Cody Bullerman in the amount of \$21,971.46. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

2018-LC-04-Jenniges Ray Jenniges WASCOB \$8,418.04

Darling moved to approve the contract for Ray Jenniges in the amount of \$8,418.04. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2018-LC-05-Onken Kevin & Kraig Onken WWAY \$8,457.69

Nelsen moved to approve the contract for Kevin & Kraig Onken in the amount of \$8,457.69. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: MASWCD Resolution packet and NACD Newsletter was passed out.

OLD BUSINESS

BUFFER – LaCour sent out 250 letters last week to those who haven't verified their buffer. About 100 of those have responded and LaCour will start making field visits.

SUMMIT LAKE 11 – Shea mentioned that the basin is full.

Knips moved to table the bid acceptance until April 23rd, 2019 at 8:30 am. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Knips, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

1W1P – Shea listed the dates of the past meetings. He has another meeting today. The public hearing has tentatively been set for April 30th at 9:30 in Pipestone and 2:00pm in Worthington.

EMPLOYEE POLICY HANDBOOK – Packets were handed out again. Nelsen moved to have all comments back by May 15th. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Knips, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

LOCAL WORK GROUP RECAP – Large attendance at this meeting. Results were similar to last year's discussion.

ARBOR DAY – Schedules were passed out. Presentations will be next week.

TREE / SEED PROGRAM UPDATE – Runck updated the board. Not many changes since last time. Pickup date has been set for May 3. Runck and Shea talked about purchasing covers for the drills.

After discussion, Nelsen moved to approve purchasing three covers, one for each drill. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Knips, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: Shea touched on the meetings he has been to in the last month. The comment period of the Nobles 2 Wind towers ends soon, and Shea will need to make a decision for WCA. Staff attended the PTMAApp training in Luverne. The office was closed Thursday and Friday due to the Ice Storm. Shea will no longer be attending the DNR River training as he does not have the pre-requisites for the class.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: Boysen has no engineering to report. Construction plans to start next week. The 2nd EQIP cut off is this Friday. Three engineering and two cover crops will be submitted. She then touched on the LWG meeting. For CSP, there is a signup until May 10th. No renewals will be accepted this year. The contracts have the choice to extend their current contract or start a new contract. Boysen then discussed the changes in the NRCS Staff.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS

KLRWD – No meeting to report on.

OOWD – Boundary change with KLR is still in the process. Carp study is beginning in Lake Okabena. Structure damage at the golf course is estimated at roughly \$100,000. They are working to get this fixed with the vendor, Wenck and FEMA.

Nobles County – No updates to report.

NEW BUSINESS

EDUCATION EVENT – NOBLES COUNTY – Boysen, Shea and Raddle discussed a potential educational event for Nobles County. The board thought the staff could work on this and present them with questions later on.

FARM BILL POSITION REVIEW – Shea reviewed LaCour's work for the 6-month probationary period.

Knips moved to accept the report and \$0.50 wage increase after the probationary period ends. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.

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Lynn Darling, Secretary