

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held July 15, 2020 beginning at 7:33 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Rick Nelsen. Present were Rick Nelsen, Paul Langseth, Ken Wolf and Jim Knips. Also present were John Shea, District Manager; Sabrina Vosberg, Administrative Assistant; Catelyn LaCour, Farm Bill; Scott Runck, District Technician; and Robert Demuth, Nobles County.

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

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

The minutes for the July 29, 2020 special meeting were reviewed. Wolf motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Wolf and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for July 2020. Wolf moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$22,730.91, respectively. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Wolf and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:**

**MRWP Cost-Share**

<b>FY20-MRWP-14-Groenewold</b>	<b>Harlan Groenewold</b>	<b>Nobles</b>	<b>WWY</b>	<b>\$13,803.08</b>
<b>FY20-MRWP-14-Vaske</b>	<b>Curt Vaske</b>	<b>Nobles</b>	<b>WASCB</b>	<b>\$3,190.00</b>
<b>FY20-MRWP-14-Groenewold</b>	<b>Henry Zwaan</b>	<b>Rock</b>	<b>WWY</b>	<b>\$12,236.40</b>

Knips moved to approve the 3 cost-share contracts for the MRWP. Wolf seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Wolf, Langseth and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

<b>SWCD-52</b>	<b>Jesse Drost</b>	<b>Cons. Use Acres</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>
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Wolf moved to approve the cost-share contract for Jesse Drost in the amount of \$750.00. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Wolf and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**2018 Local Capacity and State Cost-Share Extensions** – After discussion, Knips moved to request extensions on the 2018 LC and 2018 State cost-share funds. Wolf seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Wolf and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: MPCA Report and HLWD Soil Health Day.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: Managers meeting is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Shea helped with interviews for a new HLWD tech. DNR is starting to manage Herlein-Boote. They are treating the cattails, removing beaver dams, and drawing the water level down. MWRP will be applying for additional funds through RCPP. The federal funds would allow the MRWP to do more projects with the funds they were granted.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: None.

#### OLD BUSINESS

MRWP – September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Pizza Ranch in Luverne. Projects and RCPP funds will be discussed.

DES MOINES 1W1P – No additional information.

SUMMIT LAKE 11 – Shea discussed the bills that were submitted. Thistle complaints have been coming in regarding the site. Knips, Wolf

Discussion occurred on how to maintain the property. The board agreed that getting the weeds under control is a high priority.

Langseth arrived at 7:51 a.m.

COVID – 19 Update – The meeting room at the county building on diagonal is available when we need it for cooler temps.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS – OOWD met on August 4<sup>th</sup>, over zoom. Another draw down will be completed on Ocheda. This will be the second year they try to lower the water level. They will be discussion their budget at their September meeting. KLRWD set their levy at the August meeting. They have two managers up for re-appointment this year. The county is looking at additional sales tax for roads and bridges in Nobles County. The county is looking at this option as there are no funds available from the state. Demuth provided an update on the property sales and wind towers in Nobles County. The county also pulled out of the WELL project.

#### NEW BUSINESS

SWCD Pens – After discussion, Langseth moved to approve the purchase of pens for advertisement. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Wolf and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MASWCD Annual Convention – The annual convention will be virtual this year in December.

2021 CREP Outreach and Implementation – Knips moved to accept the 2021 CREP Outreach and Implementation Grant. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Wolf and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Worthington WPA – After discussion, Langseth moved to provide up to \$5,000 match for repairs at the WPA site. Wolf seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Wolf and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Learning Area Tours – Vosberg will talk to the schools to see what they are willing to do this year for Learning Area Tours. The ideas of a spring program and a smaller scale Learning Area Tour program were mentioned.

Drill Maintenance – Tires need to be replaced on the 7.5' drill. The cost for the tires is \$690.

Langseth moved to purchase the tires for the drill. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Wolf and Knips. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2020 at 7:30 a.m.

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Ken Wolf, Secretary