

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
March 18, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held March 18, 2020 beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Rick Nelsen. Present were Lynn Darling, Rick Nelsen and Paul Langseth. Also present were John Shea, District Manager; Sabrina Vosberg, Administrative Assistant; and Nathan Blankers, NRCS.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the March 18, 2020 meeting was reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the agenda with the addition of B. Public Health Emergency Policy under new business. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for February 2020. Langseth moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$39,411.19. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS: No cost-share contracts needed attention.

CORRESPONDENCE: Public Meeting notices for a building and solar ordinance in Nobles County.

OLD BUSINESS

MRWP – The agreement was approved between Nobles SWCD and the partnership. Gene Metz is the chair of the partnership. After the agreement is accepted by our board, funds can be applied for.

Langseth moved to approve the agreement as presented for the MRWP. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Cost-Share Policy – Shea explained the MRWP's cost-share policy. The board discussed mirroring the MRWP policy. They instructed Shea to draft up a policy for them to view at our next meeting.

Buffer – The letters should be sent this week. They are on the county attorney's desk for signature.

DES MOINES 1W1P – They are still waiting to approve the MOA.

LOCAL WORK GROUP – We will put a questionnaire together to be sent out in April. The scheduled meeting will be cancelled based on the current events.

LEGISLATIVE DAYS – Have been cancelled for the 2020 year.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: Old computers are disposed of. Shea's managers meeting was postponed to the later date. Shea is looking at new desks for the staff. He is estimating \$1,650 for each employee besides himself.

Langseth moved to purchase the desks for each employee with a limit of \$2,000 for each. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: Nathan Blankers introduced to himself to the board. He has accepted the position in Nobles. He then gave the report for NRCS. They are working on EQIP applications and CSP applications. Catelyn has also been working on CRP and CREP.

NRCS MOA – Jon Matz (NRCS) called in to explain the new agreement. The last agreement was made in 2017. Shea will send the agreement to the county attorney for review before the board accepts it.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS

Langseth reported on OOWD. They are looking at holding an open house this spring for the public to view the dam. Shea reported on the KLR board. We were able to hold the first advisory meeting last week.

NEW BUSINESS

EASEMENT DELIVERY – WORK ORDER CONTRACT – Langseth moved to approve the District Manager sign the Work Order Contract for Easements. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY POLICY – Shea will draft a policy and send it out to the board.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2020 at 7:30 a.m.

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Ken Wolf, Secretary