

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
November 20, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held November 20, 2019 beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Paul Langseth. Present were Lynn Darling, Paul Langseth, Jim Knips and Rick Nelsen. Also present were: John Shea, District Manager; Scott Runck, District Technician; Sabrina Vosberg, Administrative Assistant; Catelyn LaCour, Farm Bill Technician.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the November 20, 2019 meeting was reviewed. Darling moved to approve the agenda as presented. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the October 16, 2019 meeting was reviewed. Nelsen moved to approve the minutes as presented. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Jim Knips arrived at 7:34 a.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for October 2019. Nelsen moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$45,764.92. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:**

<b>2017-LC-09-Meyer</b>	<b>Dennis/Mark Meyer</b>	<b>WWY</b>	<b>\$5,812.88</b>
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Darling moved to amend the amount of the WWY project from \$5,812.88 to \$7,690.79 for Dennis & Mark Meyer. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

<b>2017-LC-09-Meyer</b>	<b>Dennis/Mark Meyer</b>	<b>WWY</b>	<b>\$7,690.79</b>
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Knips moved to pay the cost-share contract for Dennis & Mark Meyer in the amount of \$7,690.79. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

<b>2017-LC-12-Lonneman</b>	<b>Dustin Lonneman</b>	<b>WWY</b>	<b>\$326.84</b>
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Darling moved to pay the cost-share contract for Dustin Lonneman in the amount of \$326.84. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

<b>SWCD-45</b>	<b>Dennis Meyer</b>	<b>Cons. Use Acres</b>	<b>\$870.00</b>
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Nelsen moved to pay the cost-share contract for Dennis Meyer in the amount of \$870.00. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**SWCD-46**

**Jerry Loonan**

**Cons. Use Acres**

**\$975.00**

Nelsen moved to pay the cost-share contract for Jerry Loonan in the amount of \$975.00. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**GBERBA**

Knips moved to approve the payment in the amount of \$300 for Mark Enninga. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Houston Engineering Inc. and MCIT annual meeting notice.

OLD BUSINESS – BUFFER UPDATE- There are now 30 parcels listed as non-compliant with an additional 10 waiting for review.

SUMMIT LAKE 11- The drain was open for about a week to clear the rock filter. Shea did find a blocked tile that he was going to work with the state on to get fixed.

1W1P DES MOINES – This will cover the NE part of Nobles County. Three entities have put in to be the fiscal host of this project. Nobles SWCD will have to appoint a board member to be on the planning committee for this 1W1P, similar to what we have done with the MOB.

1W1P MOB – Resolution to adopt and implement the MOB Comprehensive water management plan. After discussion, Knips moved to adopt and implement the MOB Comprehensive Water Management Plan. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MRWP Joint Powers Agreement – After review and discussion, Darling moved to accept the agreement. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Vosberg mentioned that with the 1W1P funds coming in, she would like an additional savings account for the money. After discussion, Nelsen moved to create another savings account at FSBSW for the 1W1P funds. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

EMPLOYEE POLICY HANDBOOK – The board would like to remove/update the cell phone policy listed for the next meeting. They would also like to add something about JAA.

2020 BUDGET – Shea reviewed the budget with the board and the changes he has made since the last time the board met. Knips then discussed the personnel budget.

Knips moved to approve the budget as presented, including the personnel budget. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MASWCD CONVENTION – Vosberg mentioned the two different parts of registration for MASWCD. This year, they are offering the leadership summit as well as the regular registration.

After discussion, the board agreed that Darling could be the representative at the leadership summit and Langseth could fill in as alternate.

Darling moved to approve 3 per diems and full mileage for the supervisors attending all three days of convention. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

NACD ANNUAL CONVENTION – Vosberg handed out the registration form for the NACD event to Knips. After discussion, Nelsen moved to approve 4 per diems and travel expenses for Knips to attend the NACD convention. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

BSWR ACADEMY RECAP – Vosberg mentioned the changes to the audit required by BWSR. A new agreement is in the works between the State Auditor and BWSR to streamline the process.

HLWD COVER CROP EVENT – Vosberg mentioned that the tentative costs are just above \$4,000 for the entire event. If the costs were divided by the three entities, she expects costs not to exceed \$1,500 for the SWCD.

After discussion, Darling moved to approve paying for Cover Crop event expenses up to \$1,500. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT – Shea didn't have anything additional to add.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT – NRCS cannot process CSP payments yet. Nancy Sauder started as the new ACES employee.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS – KLRWD will not have a meeting in November. OOWD is working on the Ocheda Dam. FEMA is also going to help out with the repairs on the golf course. Knips went to TSA interviews on Friday. They made an offer to one of the applicants, but he hasn't heard if it was accepted.

NEW BUSINESS –

NOBLES2WIND PROJECT – Shea presented the board with a new line of credit for the Nobles2Wind project.

After discussion, Darling moved to accept the new line of credit. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

AGBMP – Additional funds were received from the state to help with the backlog of potential projects.

NACD MEMBERSHIP – Nelsen moved to approve membership dues at \$200. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

AREA 5 MEETING – Meeting is tomorrow in Marshall. Shea and Runck would attend.

KLR/SWCD AGREEMENT – After review, Nelsen moved to approve the agreement as presented. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

BWSR BOARD OPENING – Positions are open if anyone is interested in serving on the board.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.

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Lynn Darling, Secretary