

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
February 21, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held February 21, 2019 beginning at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Paul Langseth. Present were Lynn Darling, Rick Nelsen and Paul Langseth. Also present were: John Shea, District Manager; Sabrina Raddle, Administrative Assistant; Catelyn LaCour, Farmbill Technician; Robert Demuth, County Commissioner.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the February 21, 2019 meeting was reviewed. Nelsen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the January 16, 2019 meeting was reviewed. Darling moved to approve the minutes as presented. Nelsen 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 January 2019. Nelsen moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$61,421.11. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS: Discussion occurred on the SWPTSA NACD Grant. Nelsen moved to send a letter of support to the SWPTSA. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2019 Local Capacity Amendment is in the works and will add the additional match funds.

After discussion, Darling moved to approve the District Manager sign the amendment as it comes available. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: MCIT Bulletin

OLD BUSINESS

Buffer – LaCour has been working with BWSR to get a letter drafted. We have 251 parcels that are not yet compliant.

We need to have a schedule posted on our website on how we plan to stay compliant in checking the buffers. Shea and LaCour put a map together using watershed boundaries. It has been posted on the website.

Nelsen moved to approve the schedule. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Summit Lake 11 – Drained. Closed back up. Shea plans to go out and look at the site before spring thaw.

1W1P – Meeting moved and rescheduled. The comment period ended February 25, 2019.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: Activity planned with local 4-H was cancelled due to lack of interest. We plan to try and complete this later in the spring. The Des Moines WRAPS process has started. Shea anticipates the 1W1P to start in 2020.

Shea then touched on the agreement we have received from Walk In Access. We receive \$250 for each agreement we complete.

Darling moved to accept the WIA agreement. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: New Area Conservationist hired. He started in January. Staff has been working on EQIP and CSP.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS

OOWD – Watersheds are at their legislative days. OOWD is working with the KLRWD on a boundary change. They have also been working on their carp study.

Nobles County – Years of recognition for a couple employees working with the county. Forbidden Brewery right of way – 3inches into right of way.

County looking at ½ cent consumer tax to use on transportation costs. The board also discussed the potential of the round-a-bout on diagonal road.

Bike trail to go to prairie view course nature area.

NEW BUSINESS

SIDE-BY-SIDE AGREEMENT – 2019 Agreement with a 50 hour minimum.

Nelsen moved to approve the agreement with the 50 hour/\$500 minimum. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

PHEASANTS FOREVER – Sponsor request and tree donation request.

Darling moved to provide the \$300 sponsorship to the Nobles Pheasants Forever. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Nelsen moved to provide 150 cedar trees and planting. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MASWCD AREA 5 MEETING – 4 staff and 1 supervisor will be attending.

ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR - \$500 was requested from Nobles SWCD for 2019.

Nelsen moved to approve the \$500 to assist with the Environmental Fair. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

ENVIROTHON – Not happening in Area 5 this year. Hoping to revive this event next year.

2018 ANNUAL REPORT – After review, Darling moved to accept the report. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2019 ANNUAL PLAN – After review, Nelsen moved to accept the report. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – AUDIT LETTERS – Raddle let the board know that an audit would be required again this year. She will send out letters to the local auditors.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.

ADJOURN 4:10 p.m.

Lynn Darling, Secretary