

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
January 20, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held January 20, 2021 beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Rick Nelsen. Present were Lynn Darling, Nathan Their, and Paul Langseth. Also present were Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative Assistant; Scott Runck, District Technician; John Shea, District Manager and Doug Goodrich, BWSR

ELECTION OF 2021 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR: The board discussed how elections were handled in the past.

Their moved to make a unanimous ballot and elect all offices as presented. Nelsen seconded the motion.

2021 Offices

Chairman – Lynn Darling
Vice-Chairman – Jim Knips
Secretary – Paul Langseth
Treasurer – Rick Nelsen
PR & I – Nathan Thier

Newly elected Chair, Lynn Darling, took over as Chair.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the January 20, 2021 meeting was reviewed. Nelsen moved to approve the agenda. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the December 23, 2020 meeting was reviewed. Nelsen moved to approve the minutes as presented. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for December 2020. Langseth moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$116,486.17. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

Their moved to approve the payment of the Missouri River Watershed grant contract and bills as follows. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY20-MRWP-06-Ver Steeg	\$23,399.12
TSA bills from QTR 4 MRWP projects:	
Pipestone	\$401.19
Rock	<u>\$4,305.94</u>
Total	\$4,707.13

CORRESPONDENCE: John presented the board with the Envirothon info. Langseth agreed to be a local judge.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: nothing to report.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT: Scott talked about the tree program and getting trees ordered.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: NRCS has been making payments for cover crops. The EQIP cutoff has ended to get 2021 applications. There were 72 applications, some deferred from last year. They need to be ranked by March 5, 2021. There was 2 CSP renewals that are in the process of creating a new contract. New SINEW contract employee was hired on in Slayton – Lindsay Clauson.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS: Langseth reported on Ocheda and Okabena watershed, they set the budget 5000 item for admin fees from SWCD. Also mentioned drive from Okabena is going good. Carpe schooling in Okabena. Public wants to see something this year.

Doug with BWSR reported it was a budget year, working with the Legislators to catch up and budget report was favorable. Awarded clean water funds in December. RCR received fund for projects, drinking water and easements. Well sealing reporting almost done. Des Moines 1W1P planning meeting in February. Planning is underway for this project.

OLD BUSINESS

PHEASANTS FOREVER POSITION: John said job post closes tomorrow, and he will be sitting in on the interviews.

WALK IN ACCESS: John reported that we sign up March 14th – May 14th, no public entities eligible to collect money.

OLSON ARENA: Nelsen reported door opener has been delivered, just need to get it installed.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES – presented the board with the current committees list.

Nelsen moved to keep the committees the same as years prior, with the addition of Their on the Personal and KLRWD. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2021 MEETING SCHEDULE – A schedule was presented to the board for the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 a.m.

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

SUPERVISOR COMPENSATION RATE – Their moved to keep the compensation rate at \$75.00 per diem. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER – Langseth moved to keep the Daily Globe as the Official Newspaper. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES – Nelsen moved to designate First State Bank Southwest as the official depository of Nobles SWCD. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

DESIGNATE CHECK SIGNING AUTHORITY – Their moved to keep check signing authority as Etsinger, Runck, Shea and the board members. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

IRS RATE – Nelsen moved to accept the IRS rate of \$0.56 per mile. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

PAY EQUITY REPORT: Tiffini presented the Board with the pay equity report for 2021. We are within compliance. – Their moved to approve the report. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

ARBOR DAY – Langseth moved to provide trees to the 2nd & 3rd grade students in Worthington and RLB. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

SIGNING AUTHORITY-FINANCIAL REPORTS – Langseth moved to designate the District Manager as signing authority on Financial Reports. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

SIGNING AUTHORITY – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER (TSP) – Their moved to designate the District Manager and District Technician as TSP signing authority. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE MAILING – Reminder for the board to complete this online.

2021 AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER – We are waiting for this letter, Tiffini will follow up to see when we should have this.

KLR CONTRACT SERVICES INVOICE – Langseth moved to approve the 1st Quarter contract invoice for \$17,500.00. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MASWCD LEGISLATIVE DAYS: Shea reported to the board that they would not be in person this year but online. It is also a budget year; our presence online could be beneficial.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.

ADJOURN 8:23 a.m.

Paul Langseth, Secretary