

BOARD MEETING

May 20, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held May 20, 2009, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Paul Langseth. Present were: Paul Langseth, Rick Nelsen, Lynn Darling, Jim Knips and Ken Wolf. Also present were: Jane Steffl, Admin. Coord; Ed Lenz, Tech. Coord.; Stephanie McLain, D.C.; and Norm Gallagher, Nobles Co. Comm.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 15, 2009, regular meeting were reviewed. Knips moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Langseth, Nelsen, Darling, Knips, and Wolf. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable were presented and reviewed. Knips moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of 25,721.58. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Langseth, Nelsen, Darling, Knips, and Wolf. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

STATE COST-SHARE: Darling moved to approve the following FY2009 State Cost-Share payments:

2009-4	Mark Ommen	Farmstead Windbreak	1,017.00
2009-5	Larry Yeske	Farmstead Windbreak	761.63
2009-8	Cody Bullerman	Farmstead Windbreak	965.25
2009-12	Steve Hinrichs	Farmstead Windbreak	1,661.25
2009-14	Jesse Larson	Farmstead Windbreak	380.63
2009-15	Gordon Spoelstra	Farmstead Windbreak	383.25
2009-16	Jim Davis	Farmstead Windbreak	<u>378.00</u>
			\$5,547.01

Wolf seconded the motion. Affirmative: Langseth, Nelsen, Darling, Knips, and Wolf. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

SWCD LOCAL COST-SHARE: Nelsen moved to approve the following new contract:

SWCD-22	Mark Lenz	Conservation Use Acres	\$ 600.00
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Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Langseth, Nelsen, Darling, Knips, and Wolf. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Supervisors were given copies of the latest MASWCD Tidbits and their copies of the 2009-2018 Nobles Local Water Management Plan recently approved.

D.C. REPORT: Stephanie McLain, D.C., reported the deadline for the latest EQIP sign-up is this Friday, May 22nd. There have been 6 applications in 4 days, and 12 Nutrient Management Plans. We have taken 2 applications for the new K-LR PL566 Project. She hopes to hire a WAE employee in the near future to help with additional workload.

She is also busy with permits, 1026 and wetland reviews. Stephanie is helping with a tree planting at the Prairie Elementary Schools later today.

OLD BUSINESS: Agriculture Secretary Vilsack announced April 16, 2009, that USDA will be sending \$84.8 million to state and local governments to improve water quality, increase water supply, decrease soil

erosion and improve fish and wildlife habitat in rural communities, as a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The K-LR PL566 is listed as a project that is ready for immediate implementation and will receive \$200,000 in conservation funding. John Beckwith and Gary Watson, NRCS, were in the Worthington Field Office, May 1, 2009, to meet with Stephanie McLain and Jane Steffl and review the upcoming project and some of the details involved. Jane reviewed a list of the details of the project that were discussed at that meeting, with the supervisors.

The Nobles SWCD plans to continue contracting with the K-LR Watershed for the contracting officer and technical services, but the contract will need to be revised because of the additional workload with the new project agreement. A revised contract for July 1, to Dec. 31, 2009, was reviewed with the board and will be presented to the K-LR Watershed at their next board meeting for their approval. Wolf moved to approve the Revised 2009 K-LR Watershed and Nobles SWCD contract. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Langseth, Nelsen, Darling, Knips, and Wolf. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Ed Lenz and Paul Langseth reported on their presentation to the Nobles Co. Board on May 21st, it was suggested that we do the same next year to keep the County Commissioners updated on program changes and accomplishments.

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR REPORT: Jane reported she has an application for an AMP Loan for a disc. The board discussed applications for chisel plows and discs, because of the amount of residue left on the fields afterwards. Knips moved that the Nobles SWCD does not approve AgBMP Loan applications for discs. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Langseth, Nelsen, Darling, Knips, and Wolf. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

The Area V Envirothon was held May 6th at Camden State Park. One of the teams from Worthington High School received 1st place in the event. They will be going to State next week in Stewartville, MN. We will be paying for the cost of transportation of this team. Mary attended two committee meetings this month, to organize this year's Environmental Fair. We will be discussing providing transportation for the schools in Nobles County as soon as numbers are finalized.

The next Area V Meeting will be June 18th, in Pipestone. In addition to the regular business, there will be reports on Renewable Energy and Topeka Shiner Mitigation and a tour of the Pipestone National Monument.

TECHNICAL COORDINATOR REPORT: Ed reported that trees and mat installation is currently underway. Lenz Had begun water monitoring for the summer. Lenz also reported that he did not need to take the WCA Training in Mankato in order to take the test, the test could be taken separate. Lenz has been working with JPO on a couple of feedlot fixes in the county.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS: The Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed is reviewing a new permit form for tiling and drainage. O-O Watershed on course to do notifications for tiling permits?? HLWS working on TMDL Implementation Plan.

NEW BUSINESS: A new checking account was opened with the First State Bank Southwest on May 5, 2009. The account is a Regular Account with a \$200.00 minimum balance and no fees. Darling made a motion to authorize Jane Steffl, Edward Lenz, Paul Langseth and Ken Wolf to sign the signature card for this account. Rick Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Langseth, Nelsen, Darling, Knips, and Wolf. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Darling moved to hire Aaron Crowley as the Nobles SWCD Intern, beginning May 11, 2009, at a rate of \$10.00 per hour. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Langseth, Nelsen, Darling, Knips, and Wolf. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

BWSR and the MCIT are requiring the SW Prairie TSA Board to have a new agreement in place prior to the establishment of the new TSA's July 1st. The Nobles SWCD supervisors were given a copy of the final draft of the JPA that the SWPJPO reviewed at their meeting April 1st. Wolf moved to have Jim Knips, as the Nobles SWCD TSA representative, sign the JPA at the next SWPTSA Board of Directors meeting on July 16,

2009. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Langseth, Nelsen, Darling, Knips, and Wolf. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

The 2009-2010 Farmbill Assistance Grant was discussed, Ed sent in 2 applications one for a 33% staff person and one for a 25% staff person, we are unsure of the funding status of the grants. Nelsen moved to apply for Farmbill Assistance Grant. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Langseth, Nelsen, Darling, Knips, and Wolf. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Staff will need to restructure their job descriptions due to the additional workload of the contracting officer with the new PL566 Project Agreement. The Personnel Committee, Langseth and Nelsen, will meet with District staff on June 4th, at 8:00 a.m., to review job descriptions and discuss revisions.

The next regular board meeting will be held June 17th at 7:30 a.m.

Nelsen moved to adjourn the meeting. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Langseth, Nelsen, Darling, Knips, and Wolf. Opposed: None. Meeting adjourned.

Lynn Darling, Secretary