

## BOARD MEETING

September 16, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held September 16, 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, and Ken Wolf. Also present were: Ed Lenz, District Manager; Jane Steffl, Financial/Contracting Officer, Stephanie McLain, D.C.; Mark Hiles, BWSR; and Norm Gallagher, Nobles Co. Comm. (Ed was Norm at this meeting?)

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the August 19, 2009, regular meeting were reviewed. Wolf moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Langseth, Nelsen, Darling, and Wolf. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable were presented and reviewed. Wolf moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$14,037.82. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Langseth, Nelsen, Darling, and Wolf. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

**STATE COST-SHARE:** Darling moved to approve the following FY2008 Native Buffer Cost-Share payment:

<b>2008-NB-1</b>	<b>Les Johnson</b>	<b>Critical Area Stabilization</b>	<b>\$ 2,843.87</b>
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Wolf seconded the motion. Affirmative: Langseth, Nelsen, Darling, and Wolf. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Copies of the MASWCD Tidbits were distributed to the supervisors. Langseth discussed an e-mail he had received concerning a demonstration of a Bio Baler. Demonstration by U of M Ext. on September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Public/Contractor Meeting held August 25<sup>th</sup> was discussed. Ten landowners attended the public meeting and ten contractors attended the contractor meeting.

The Office Lease Agreement with NRCS will expire September 30, 2009. We will then be under a month to month lease agreement directly with the current landlord beginning October 1, 2009. We have not signed an agreement at this point, but will be contacting the landowner soon. Nelsen moved to approve up to a \$13,000 annual rental agreement for FY2010. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Langseth, Nelsen, Darling, and Wolf. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ed reported he has received 66 WCA project notifications since the August board meeting including 4 full State of Minnesota applications. He also sent out one restoration order. The possibility of purchasing a smaller grass drill for smaller planting and food plots has come up again. The Heron Lake Watershed District could provide half the cost of purchasing a drill and Pheasants Forever could possibly pay the other half and the SWCD could cover the maintenance, rental and purchase of a trailer to transport the drill. Wolf moved to proceed with the purchase of a Dew Drop Drill and trailer. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Langseth, Nelsen, Darling, and Wolf. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Ed has registered for the BWSR Academy, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> to Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> and has also made reservations for five supervisors and two staff to attend the MASWCD Annual Convention in Duluth. We will be receiving more information on the Convention to present at the October meeting.

Aaron attended a Farm Bill Assistance meeting in Willmar, on Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>. This meeting specifically addresses what he needs to accomplish through the grant. Minnesota Waters is having a meeting October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and the board felt Ed should attend this training.

The Environmental Fair will be in Marshall, September 21-23<sup>rd</sup>. Mary and Aaron will be helping with the fair all three days. The Wetland Learning Area tours will be held in Worthington and Adrian September 28-30<sup>th</sup>. Mary will be organizing these tours.

**D.C. REPORT:** Stephanie McLain, DC, reported that sign-up for the Conservation Security Program will be August 10<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. There are presently three applications and numerous interested individuals. She has also received one GRP application that was funded for Reisdorfer LLLP. Payments and modifications for cost-share programs are finished until after October 1<sup>st</sup>, the end of the year.

Staff is preparing for a busy fall. There are 110 terrace projects and 12 waterway projects in some stage of design or installation. The Hospice Cottage may move forward with construction of their project this fall and have RC&D assist with plant purchases.

NRCS staff is planning to train Aaron Crowley to help with designing conservation practices.

**WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS:** The O-O Watershed is in the process of developing their 2010 Budget and is discussing contributing to the costs of the Dew Drop Drill.

The K-LR Project Ceremony, September 22<sup>nd</sup> was discussed. Jane Steffl, Contracting Officer, reviewed the agenda and that invitations were sent out to 40 individual involved with the K-LR Project. Lynn Darling, as K-LR JPB Chair, will be speaking at the event along with NRCS State Conservationist, Bill Hunt. The local media was also invited to attend the ceremony and the twelve K-LR Project contract holders will be recognized.

Mark Hiles, BWSR Board Rep, reported on application of the FY 2010 State Cost T&A funding to leverage federal funding such as the K-LR Project. When the ARRA funds are being used, there are rules and regulations that will go along with them. He also mentioned the Clean Water Legacy requests for proposals in October, outreach meeting 1<sup>st</sup> week of October. Application Deadline is December 1, 2009 for funding.

Mark also reported that the BWSR's website as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, will have a new design. The Green Acres program will be an additional program that the SWCD will have to assist with. General Services Grant measurable outcome guidance, E-Link and PRAP requirements will be added to District responsibilities.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The MASWCD resolution packets for the 2009 MASWCD Annual Convention were distributed to the supervisors. They were asked to return the completed ballots at next month's board meeting.

The board discussed purchasing shirts for the board and staff members that would advertise the Nobles SWCD. This will be discussed at next month meeting.

The next regular board meeting will be held October 21<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

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

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Lynn Darling, Secretary