

BOARD MEETING

July 15, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Rick Nelsen. Present were: Rick Nelsen, Lynn Darling, Ken Wolf, Jim Knips and Paul Langseth. Also present were: Ed Lenz, District Manager.; Jane Steffl, Financial/Contracting Officer; Aaron Crowley, Dist. Tech.; and Dawn Madison, SCT.

AGENDA: Knips moved to adopt the agenda. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Darling, Wolf, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 16, 2010, regular meeting were reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Wolf seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Darling, Wolf, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable were presented and reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$26,081.65. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Darling, Wolf, Knips, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

STATE COST-SHARE: The FY2008 Native Buffer Grant Final Financial Report was reviewed with the Board. Wolf moved to approve the Final Financial Report and return the \$4,384.93 of slippage to BWSR. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Darling, Wolf, Knips, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

The 2010 Clean Water Legacy Competitive Grant was discussed. We have received 90% of the funding for cost-share and 10% was retained by BWSR. Four of the following Kanaranzi-Little Rock ARRA Project Agreement 60-6322-10-01 contracts will be receiving an additional 10% cost-share from this grant.

Langseth moved to approve the following 2010 CWL Grant contract:

CWF-1-TB	Tim Blume	Terraces	1,252.00
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Wolf seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Darling, Wolf, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Langseth moved to approve the following 2010 CWL Grant contract:

CWF-2-AW	Andy Weiss	Waterway	1,110.00
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Wolf seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Darling, Wolf, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Langseth moved to approve the following 2010 CWL Grant contract:

CWF-3-GB	George Bents Jr.	Waterway	894.00
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Wolf seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Darling, Wolf, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Langseth moved to approve the following 2010 CWL Grant contract:

CWF-4-AT Alice Thier Waterway 3,295.00

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

The following two additional contracts were approved using the CWL Competitive Grant funds:

Langseth moved to approve the following 2010 CWL Grant contract:

CWF-5-RM Russell Miller Waterway 6,118.61

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

Langseth moved to approve the following 2010 CWL Grant contract:

CWF-6-JK John Kellen Diversion 1,782.75

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

Langseth moved to approve the following 2010 CWL Grant contract:

CWF-8-HN Harold Nelson Streambank Restoration 7,812.10

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

State Cost-Share field windbreak contract #2009-17, Doug Mathias, was again discussed. Tree planting is still not in compliance with the terms of the contract. A letter will be sent to Mr. Mathias.

OLD BUSINESS: The 2010 Farmbill Assistance Grant was approved at 50% FTE. A contract will be coming shortly.

The BWSR Academy Training will be held at Breezy Point Conference Center near Pequot Lakes from October 26-28. It is planned that the training will concentrate more on program topics such as feedlot, WCA, timing with grants; not as much training on administration. Darling moved that any of the SWCD staff that are interested should attend this training. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Darling, Wolf, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Two different versions of the 2011 Nobles SWCD/Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed Contract for Services were reviewed with the board. These will be presented at the next K-LR board meeting and will be brought back to our August meeting.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: Ed reported he will be attending Soils Training in Thief River Falls next week. Wetland banking site will be looked at in September. HLWS Open House will be August 10th from 3:00 to 7:00; they would like a display from our office. Several feedlot improvement projects are being looked at. CLW funds will be available again in this fall. Tires will likely need to be replaced before winter for both pickups.

D.C. REPORT: Stephanie reported we received an additional \$285,700 in EQIP funding, mainly for NM/PM contacts. All 18 CSP applications have completed the inventory process. The ranking deadline will be July 16th and we may know the funded contracts by July 21st.

There will be a fall tour of ARRA projects in the Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed on September 22, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Two or three sites with ARRA contracts will be toured and a meal afterwards in Adrian is planned. Final planning for the tour will occur in August.

The Hospice Cottage project was approved to receive RC&D funding at their last meeting. They will also be accepting applications for mini-grants for community enhancement. A new NRCS area office engineer, Eric Soupir, began work recently.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS: The Okabena-Ocheda Watershed reviewed their budget. The Nobles SWCD will plan to request \$3,000 in SWCD Services from their watershed district again for 2011. The O-O Watershed will be selling their St. John's property when Highway 60 goes through. The O-O Watershed and Nobles Public Works both plan to help fund the upcoming newsletter.

The K-LR Watershed has requested an additional \$100,000 in ARRA funding and should know soon if this funding will be allocated to the K-LR Project because it will need to be obligated by September 30th.

NEW BUSINESS: The budget committee will need to meet and a date will be set after the K-LR Watershed decides on a services contract.

Aaron and Jane presented a report on the tree program for 2010. The District will be having a booth at the Nobles County Fair held August 12-15th

The upcoming newsletter was discussed. Page One Printers in Slayton, would be able to print the newsletter for \$1,300 for the 2,000 landowners/operators in Nobles County. Including postage, the total cost would be approximately \$2,000. Langseth moved to send out a newsletter from the Nobles SWCD and local agencies not to exceed \$2,000. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Darling, Wolf, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

The next regular board meeting will be held August 18th at 7:30 a.m.

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

Ken Wolf, Secretary