

BOARD MEETING

June 16, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held June 16, 2010, 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; Stephanie McLain, D.C. and Gene Foth, Nobles Co. Comm.

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

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 27, 2010, regular meeting were reviewed. Darling 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. Wolf moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$35,593.18. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Darling, Wolf, Knips, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

STATE COST-SHARE: Langseth moved to approve the following FY2009 State Cost-Share payment:

2009-18	Matt Loosbrock	Farmstead Windbreak	\$ 236.75
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Wolf seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Darling, Wolf, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Wolf moved to approve the following FY2010 State Cost-Share payment:

2010-1	Harris Darling	Farmstead Windbreak	\$ 1,208.25
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Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Darling, Wolf, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Knips moved to approve the following FY2010 State Cost-Share payment:

2010-2	Jess DeKam	Farmstead Windbreak	\$ 1,357.13
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Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Darling, Wolf, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Darling moved to approve the following FY2010 State Cost-Share payment:

2010-3	Mike Loosbrock	Farmstead Windbreak	\$ 717.00
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Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Darling, Wolf, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Darling moved to approve the following FY2010 State Cost-Share payment:

2010-4	Dave Mente	Farmstead Windbreak	\$ 908.63
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Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Darling, Wolf, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Knips moved to approve the following FY2010 State Cost-Share payment:

2010-5	Matt Loosbrock	Farmstead Windbreak	\$ 594.75
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Wolf seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Darling, Wolf, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

State Cost-Share contract #2009-17, Doug Mathias, was discussed. Board discussed giving a deadline of July 1st to bring planting into compliance. Langseth moved to extend deadline to July 1st adding that after that time the cost-share contract would be cancelled. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Darling, Wolf, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A notice of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Roundtable Discussion and Public Input was given to the board. The dates will be June 16th at 5:00 p.m. and June 17th at 8:30 a.m. Public comments of where funds are being used; and a roundtable discussion are included. Okabena-Ocheda Watershed received money for Lake Bella through Lessard-Sams.

There will be a Water Management Summit for Local Governments held July 12th at the Kelly Inn, in St. Cloud. The summit will include Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts, the Association of Minnesota Counties and the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts.

OLD BUSINESS: The Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement was discussed. The Nobles SWCD received \$178,930.00 of Cleanwater Legacy Funds for projects with the majority going to help fund K-LR ARRA projects. The funding must be spent in the K-LR Watershed on terraces and waterways. Langseth moved to approve the CWL Grant Agreement. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Darling, Wolf, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

The Farm Bill Assistance contract was reviewed. The contract will run from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Ed applied for a 50%, instead of a 25% employee. Tabor Hoek suggested that we would probably be funded at 50%. Darling moved to approve the 2011 Farm Bill Assistance Grant contract. Knips seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Darling, Wolf, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: Ed reported the WCA application pilot program is still under review and Nobles is still a selected location. Many WCA applications are still coming into the office and a TEP meeting will be scheduled for the MCK Farms wetland banking site.

Two of the tree planters required repairs this spring and the Great Plains drill needed a hydraulic seal replaced. The water monitoring of the four streams and two lakes is ongoing. The results for all sites will be used by MPCA for the Missouri River TMDL to start in 2012.

Ed spoke with a consultant for enXco regarding the placement of the wind turbine service roads. A good number of the constructed roads are several hundred feet off of the planned locations. Several erosion control projects have been altered/damaged in the construction of the roads.

Ed attended the MinnFARM feedlot training in Waseca, a State Employee's meeting in St. Cloud, and an Area V Employee's meeting in Marshall. He is still working to obtain information for a newsletter and hopes to obtain 2-4 quotes for a constructed newsletter.

D.C. REPORT: Stephanie reported EQIP residue management spot checks were completed and most of the payments have been made. The CSP program application deadline is June 25th with 18 applications so far. The WRP applications have been submitted to the State Office for ranking.

The K-LR Joint Powers Board has obligated all the ARRA funding by the June 15th deadline date and there is a potential of more funds being available. There are also plans being made for a fall tour of ARRA projects with staff from State and Washington offices attending. A new employee, Barb Daly, begin work as a WAE employee in the Worthington Field Office this summer.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS: The Okabena-Ocheda Watershed reviewed erosion control items. The Heron Lake Watershed covered their annual report and audit. They will be having an open house August 10th.

NEW BUSINESS: There will be a 2010 BWSR Academy training event, for local government staff, held October 26-28th at a location to be announced. More information will follow.

The DNR Observation Wells Agreement was reviewed. Knips moved to approve the 2011 DNR Observation Well Agreement. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Nelsen, Darling, Wolf, Knips and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

There will be an Area V Supervisor's Meeting held June 17th in Canby including the annual tour. Supervisors were encouraged to attend.

The Kanaranzi-Little Rock Contract was reviewed with the board. A proposal to revise the contract for 2011 was discussed. The contract will be reviewed again at the July board meeting.

The MASWCD resolution process was reviewed with the board and they were asked if they had any resolutions to submit at the Area V Meeting on June 17th.

The next regular board meeting will be held July 15th at 7:30 a.m.

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

Ken Wolf, Secretary