CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chair, Tim Taylor at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Mgrs. C. Gruis, L. Gruis, J. Brake, T. Taylor, A. Boyenga
Absent: None.
Guests: John Shea (Nobles SWCD Manager), Sabrina Raddle (Nobles SWCD Assistant), Gene Metz (Nobles County Commissioner)

AGENDA: The agenda for the February 21, 2019 meeting was reviewed. J. Brake moved to approve the agenda as mailed. A. Boyenga seconded the motion. Affirmative: C. Gruis, L. Gruis, J. Brake, A. Boyenga and T. Taylor. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 17, 2019 regular meeting was reviewed. C. Gruis moved to approve the minutes as presented. J. Brake seconded the motion. Affirmative: C. Gruis, L. Gruis, J. Brake, A. Boyenga and T. Taylor. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS: Casey Schiedt – Cover Crop Assistance grant if they went through the Adrian Wellhead Protection grant and $10/acre.

KLR-2019-03  Casey Schiedt  Cover Crops  $961.30
J. Brake moved to accept and pay the contract for Casey Schiedt in the amount of $961.30. L. Gruis seconded the motion. Affirmative: C. Gruis, L. Gruis, J. Brake, A. Boyenga and T. Taylor. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: There were no bills to pay this month. The board reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. After review, C. Gruis moved to pay the bills and approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. A. Boyenga seconded the motion. Affirmative: C. Gruis, L. Gruis, J. Brake, A. Boyenga and T. Taylor. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Public Hearing Notice and OOWD Minutes

OLD BUSINESS:
A. Buffer Legislation Update – LaCour, Farmbill Technician, has been working with the state to help landowners become compliant within Nobles County. Nobles County started with 1,838 parcels out of compliance. Currently, there is roughly 250 parcels left to maintain compliance.
B. 1W1P – Last meeting was rescheduled due to weather. The next meeting will be March 13, 2019. The policy committee will meet and discuss the comments received on the report.

C. Watershed Boundaries – It has been sent to BWSR and we are waiting to hear back. Pheasants Forever recently purchased land near the Herlein Boote. The County is working with DNR to better manage the water in that area.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: The Summit Lake 11 site that the SWCD owns had the gates opened at the end of 2018. The water all drained out and gates were closed to prepare for spring thaw. Shea has been working with the City of Adrian on the wellhead area. They were promised money from the state to purchase the property from the Morgenthaler Family. The city put an offer on the 32 acres (grassed areas) to purchase the property. The board discussed the different options and if they were willing to provide the city with assistance in purchasing the property. The board would like to wait until the city has a solid plan before they make any decisions. C. Gruis and L. Gruis both agreed to participate with any future meetings with the city on this property.

OTHER REPORTS: The county has 6 systems looking at redeterminations. Discussions occurred at the state level regarding the buffer legislation. Metz also touched on the feedlot ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

2018 ANNUAL REPORT: The board was presented with the 2018 Annual Report. After review, L. Gruis moved to approve the report with the corrections. A. Boyenga seconded the motion. Affirmative: C. Gruis, L. Gruis, J. Brake, A. Boyenga and T. Taylor. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2019 ANNUAL PLAN: The board was presented with the 2019 Annual Plan. After review, L. Gruis moved to approve the report with the corrections. A. Boyenga seconded the motion. Affirmative: C. Gruis, L. Gruis, J. Brake, A. Boyenga and T. Taylor. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR DONATION: Raddle asked the board if they were interested in donating to the Environmental Fair this year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Next meeting Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: T. Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Affirmative: C. Gruis, L. Gruis, J. Brake, A. Boyenga and T. Taylor. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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Secretary