

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
July 19, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held July 19, 2023, beginning at 7:31 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Rick Nelsen. Present were Lynn Darling, Nathan Their, Rick Nelson, Jess Dekam, and Paul Langseth. Also, present were Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative Coordinator; Scott Runck, District Manager; Nathan Schuck, Resource Specialist; and Aaron Crowley, NRCS.

**AGENDA:** The Agenda for the July 19, 2023, meeting was reviewed. Darling moved to approve the agenda as presented. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and Dekam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MINUTES:** The minutes for the June 21, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Their moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and Delam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** The Treasurer’s Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for April 2023. Langseth moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$101,313.32 respectively. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and Dekam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:**

**MRWP FY22 Payments:**

<b>FY22-MRWP-31</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>WWY</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>\$9,133.95</b>
<b>FY22-MRWP-32</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>WWY</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>\$1,517.40</b>
<b>FY22-MRWP-34</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>WWY</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>\$14,094.10</b>
<b>FY22-MRWP-54</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>WWY</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>\$11,301.92</b>

Langseth moved to approve the above payments. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MRWP FY22 Contracts:**

<b>FY22-MRWP-60</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>WWY</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>\$2,429.80</b>
<b>FY22-MRWP-61</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>WWY</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>\$6,315.39</b>

Their moved to approve the above contracts. Lanseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**District Manager Report** – Runck reported 3 projects need to be designed, and PFF Cole will be starting in August. Scott and Tiffini both attended the MN Water Association meeting, which was very informative.

**District Technician Report:** Schuck reported on the SWAG Sampling, well reading, and drill updates. He is still working on his drone training and videos.

**District Conservationist Report** – Aaron reported Have 2 CSP-IRA applications get accepted for funding currently. Had 6 high ranking applicants. Currently busy with writing CRP contracts and getting obligation documents ready for CSP

Contracts. Attended the MN Cattleman's tour in Murray & Pipestone counties. Aaron Crowley is the temporary DC for the Worthington office. Till October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Watershed Districts and Other Reports –**

**O&O:** Langseth updated the board that they are working with the Okabena Association trying to improve the water quality. Currently the Carp is ok and under the threshold for Okabena.

**HL Advisory:** Runck reported on the meeting, they are trying to find funding for water sampling. Overall things are business as usual.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

- a. **CRP Incentive Pilot Program:** Etsinger & Runck went over this possible program for the Missouri River Watershed. The board views it as a good idea, bring to joint powers board. Darling moved to accept the pilot grant pending the MRWP JPB. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and Dekam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
  
- b. **MASWCD Leadership Training –** Etsinger requested to go to Leadership training this year, the cost was \$5800. The board agreed it is a beneficial program to attend. Langseth moved to approve Etsinger attending Leadership training. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and Dekam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.
  
- c. **2022 Audit Pre-Engagement Letter:** Etsinger updated the board on the SWCD Audit to begin in July and finish up in August.

**Calendar of Events:**

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2023, at 7:30am

**ADJOURN:** July 19, 2023, at 8:40 a.m.

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Secretary