

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
January 17, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held January 17, 2024, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Rick Nelsen. Present were Lynn Darling, Nathan Their, Rick Nelsen, Jess Dekam, and Paul Langseth. Also present were Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative & Finance Coordinator; Scott Runck, District Manager; Nathan Schuck, Resource Specialist; Aaron Crowley, NRCS; and Cole Niebauer.

ELECTION OF 2024 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR: The board discussed how elections were handled in the past.

Langseth moved to make a unanimous ballot and elect all offices as presented. Dekam seconded the motion.

2024 Offices

Chairman – Nathan Their
Vice-Chairman – Lynn Darling
Secretary – Jess Dekam
Treasurer – Paul Langseth
PR & I – Rick Nelsen

Newly elected Chair, Nathan Their, took over as Chair.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the January 17, 2024 meeting was reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the agenda. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the December 19, 2023, meeting was reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the minutes as presented. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for January 2024. Langseth moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$458751.77. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

FY22-MRWP

FY22-MRWP-63	Marv Weineke	WWY	\$\$2541.20
FY22-MRWP-65	Andy Weiss	WWY	\$24572.16

FY22-MRWP-27

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\$54493.02

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

LC23-03 Keith Voss WSCB \$10643.54

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Runck Reviewed the Minnesota finance Campaign letter with the board and reminded them to get it completed.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: Runck updated the board about a possible intern. Both PF & NRCS will have an intern in our location.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT: Schuck reported on the tree season so far.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: Aaron updated the board with the status of CSP, and trainings he has attended.

FARMBILL Biologist: **Completed** Landowner site visit with Kevin BWSR to do an enhancement on an easement. Site visit with Nathan to look at encroaching ash trees on CRP and RIM estimate in Grand Prairie **Upcoming** Helping SD PF at Sioux Falls Farm Show. Brining area programs. May be helping PF with training interns and finding projects for them. Writing 3 burn plans, Working on JAA for prescribe fire (338) **and** CREP estimate.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS: Langseth reported on Ocheda and Okabena watershed they went over the budget and annual plan, and the Crailsheim project.

KLR- Business as usual, went over the newsletter details.

TSA: Reviewed Audit & discussed the Soil Health staffing grant as a group. Also looking at the Prapp grant to see the scope of services needed.

OLD BUSINESS

Job Titles: Runck reported back in the summer of 2022 the board had reviewed and agreed to update 2 job titles, District Tech will be Resource Specialist, Admin Assistant will be Administrative & Finance Coordinator. The board again moved to approve the titles. Langseth made a motion to approve the above title changes. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Operational Handbook: Board decided to review this at the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2024 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES – Etsinger presented the board with the current committees list.

Darling moved to keep the committees as listed. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Personal Committee:	Jess Dekam, Nathan Thier
Budget Committee:	Paul Langseth, Rick Nelsen
MRWP Committee:	Paul Langseth, Alternate: Nathan Thier
Des Moines 1W1P Committee:	Rick Nelsen, Alternate: Paul Langseth
Summit Lake 11 Committee:	Lynn Darling, Rick Nelsen

JPO: Paul Langseth (alternate: Jess Dekam)	JPB/KLR: Lynn Darling
OOWD: Paul Langseth	KLRWD: Nathan Their
HLWD: Rick Nelsen	

2024 MEETING SCHEDULE – A schedule was presented to the board for the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. except for June 19th as that is a federal holiday, Junes meeting will be Tuesday June 18th at 7:30am.

Darling moved to approve the schedule as presented. Lanseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR COMPENSATION RATE – Langseth moved to keep the compensation rate at \$125.00 per diem. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER – Dalring moved to keep the Daily Globe as the Official Newspaper. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES – Lynn moved to designate First State Bank Southwest as the official depository of Nobles SWCD. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

DESIGNATE CHECK SIGNING AUTHORITY – Langseth moved to keep check signing authority as Etsinger, Runck, and the board members. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

IRS RATE – Langseth moved to accept the IRS rate for the SWCD mileage. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

HANDBOOK- Langseth will reviewed the handbook and had changes, the board approved the handbook with the updates. Langseth moved to approve the handbook. Dekam Seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

ARBOR DAY –Darling moved to provide trees to the 2nd grade students in Worthington and RLB. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

SIGNING AUTHORITY-FINANCIAL REPORTS – Darling moved to designate the District Manager and Admin & Finance Coordinator as signing authority on Financial Reports. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

SIGNING AUTHORITY – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER (TSP) – Darling moved to designate the District Manager as TSP signing authority. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE MAILING – Reminder for the board to complete this online.

2024 Dues MASWCD: Etsinger reviewed the dues for the upcoming year. Langseth moved to approve paying the dues for 2024. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

JACKSON COUNTY SOIL HEALTH: Runck discussed the tour and it stops in Heron Lake in February. Nobles to help fund half the cost up to \$2000. Darling moved to help cover the cost. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TSA Soil Health Tour: Runck review this with the board. The board agreed to help up to \$250.00. Langseth moved to approve paying \$250. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2023, at 7:30 a.m.

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Secretary