

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
June 21, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held June 21, 2023, beginning at 7:30 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 June 21, 2023, meeting was reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the agenda as presented. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and Dekam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MINUTES:** The minutes for the May 17, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Darling moved to approve the minutes as presented. Langseth 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 \$36,272.36 respectively. Darling 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-17</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>WWY</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>\$11,747.32</b>
<b>FY22-MRWP-18</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>WWY &amp; PCC</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>\$9,548.60</b>
<b>FY22-MRWP-51</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>WWY &amp; PCC</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>\$3,117.29</b>

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**District Manager Report** – none

**District Technician Report:** Schuck reported tree plantings and mattings are getting finished up. Also setting up the new drill and learning the ins and outs of it.

**District Conservatationist Report** – Aaron reported they have 2 EQIP applications submitted for contract review. One farmland contract and one farmstead contract. They had 71 applications in total. They have one CSP application that is accepted for funding currently. Had 6 high ranking applicants. Also, Nathan Blankers has moved to the Pipestone office. NRCS is currently looking at hiring a temporary DC for the Worthington office.

**Watershed Districts and Other Reports** –

**O&O:** Langseth updated the board that they are dealing with trees growing in the sand filters out at Prairie view, along with beaver dam issues. Also, the state has increased the levy to 500,000 from 250,000.

**KLR:** Their reported they met last month; it was quick meeting approved the 2022 fiscal Audit. Heron Lake: Runck reported that an Advisory Committee was formed to help get it in the right direction’s verses focusing on all ditch authority, try to get more grants for the area.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

- a. **MRWP Amendment to contract:** FY22-MRWP-25: increase the contract authorized total from \$57181.31 to \$74,929.14. Evidence was found that 3 forced outlets out letting surface water from three WASCOD systems, Also indicated on the maps are lateral tile on all the waterways proposed for construction. The plan is to tie into each of these forced outlets and divert the surface flows to the road culvert.

The Nobles SWCD Board discussed this project and reviewed the maps. They agree with the project except for the last 400ft of tile, that should not be part of the cost, pending Joint Powers Approval.

Darling moved to approve the amendment pending the joint powers approval, minus the last 400ft of tile.

Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and Delam. Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

- b. **Drill Pricing** – The Board and SWCD Staff went over the new drill pricing. It was agreed that the new drill would be \$15.00 per acre or \$150 minimum. With the drill being a bit bigger than the last ones a delivery charge was set up as well. The delivery charge will be \$50.00 plus mileage and tax. The mileage rate will follow the IRS tax rate set every year.

Their moved to set the new drill pricing as stated above. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and Delam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

- c. **MN AG Water:** The board reviewed the application and payment for Colt Bullerman.

Langseth approved the payment for Colt Bullerman. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and Delam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

- d. **SWCD Funding:** Etsinger reviewed with the Board the new funding structure for SWCD's. Also what the guidelines are and the policy to follow. The board accepted the 2023 Guidelines on use of SWCD Aid payments.

Darling moved to approve the 2023 Guidelines on use of SWCD Aid payments. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and Delam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**Calendar of Events:**

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2023, at 7:30am

**ADJOURN:** June 21, 2023, at 8:35 a.m.

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Secretary