

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
April 20, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held April 20, 2022, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Paul Langseth. Present were Lynn Darling, Rick Nelsen, Nathan Their, Jess DeKam, and Paul Langseth. Also, present were John Shea, District Manager; Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative Assistant; Scott Runck, District Technician; Nathan Blankers, NRCS; Cheryl Heard, NRCS; Bob Demuth, County Commissioner; Will Gallman, Wildlife Biologist II.

**AGENDA:** The Agenda for the April 20, meeting was reviewed. Darling moved to approve the agenda as presented. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MINUTES:** The minutes for the March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Their moved to approve the minutes as presented. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for March 2022. Nelsen moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$29,407.74 respectively. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:**

**MRWP:**

|                               |                        |               |              |                    |
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| <b>FY20-MRWP-33-Rabenberg</b> | <b>Merle Rabenberg</b> | <b>Nobles</b> | <b>WASCB</b> | <b>\$21,114.41</b> |
| <b>FY20-MRWP-35-Harper</b>    | <b>Marlys Harper</b>   | <b>Nobles</b> | <b>WASCB</b> | <b>\$22,739.63</b> |
| <b>FY20-MRWP-36-Rabenberg</b> | <b>Don Rabenberg</b>   | <b>Nobles</b> | <b>WASCB</b> | <b>\$24,358.59</b> |

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

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| <b>FY-20-MRWP-58-Wieneke</b>   | <b>Chad Wieneke</b>   | <b>Nobles</b> | <b>WASCB</b> | <b>75%</b> | <b>\$10,109.07</b>  |
| <b>FY-20-MRWP-59-Bullerman</b> | <b>Rick Bullerman</b> | <b>Nobles</b> | <b>WASCB</b> | <b>75%</b> | <b>\$160,722.06</b> |

Nelsen moved to approve the above contracts for 75% cost share. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**2020 State Cost Share:**

|                          |                       |            |                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------|
| <b>FY20-02-Bullerman</b> | <b>Cody Bullerman</b> | <b>WWY</b> | <b>\$9,185.00</b> |
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Darling moved to approve the above contract for Cody Bullerman at \$9185.00. They seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**2021 State Cost Share:**

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| <b>FY21-02-Remmers</b> | <b>Louis &amp; Leola Remmers</b> | <b>WWY</b> | <b>\$4,555.16</b> |
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They moved to approve the above contract for Remmers at \$4,555.16. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**2022 State Cost Share:**

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| <b>FY22-01-Lonneman</b> | <b>Marty Lonneman</b> | <b>WWY</b> | <b>\$17,009.03</b> |
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Nelsen moved to approve the above contract for Lonneman at \$17,009.03. They seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**2023 State Cost Share:**

**FY23-01-Slater                  Trent Slater                                  WWY    \$8,496.06**

Darling moved to approve the above contract for Slater at \$8,496.06. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**2021 Local Capacity Cost Share:**

**LC21-01-Debeer                  William Debeer                                  WWY    \$19,991.73**

Nelsen moved to approve the above contract for Debeer at \$19,991.73. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**2022 Local Capacity Cost Share:**

**LC22-02-Nelson                  Mervin Nelson                                  WASCB                  \$37,136.27**  
**LC22-01-Jacobs                  Dennis Jacobs                                  WWY                          \$40,594.13**

Their moved to approve the above contract for Nelson at \$37,136.27. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Darling moved to approve the above contract for Jacobs at \$40,594.13. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**2020 Local Capacity Cost Share:**

**FY20-MRWP-58-Weineke                  Chad Weineke                                  WASCB                  \$12,113.19**

Nelsen moved to approve the above contract for Weineke at \$12,113.19. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. (Linked with MRWP)

**SWCD Local Tree Cost Share**

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|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>FY22-01</b> | <b>4/20/2022</b> | <b>Steve Bents</b>                | <b>Shelterbelt</b> | <b>\$1,000.00</b> |
| <b>FY22-02</b> | <b>4/20/2022</b> | <b>Matt Wieneke</b>               | <b>Shelterbelt</b> | <b>\$1,000.00</b> |
| <b>FY22-03</b> | <b>4/20/2022</b> | <b>Al Van't Hof</b>               | <b>Shelterbelt</b> | <b>\$991.91</b>   |
| <b>FY22-04</b> | <b>4/20/2022</b> | <b>Brian Steffen</b>              | <b>Shelterbelt</b> | <b>\$542.75</b>   |
| <b>FY22-06</b> | <b>4/20/2022</b> | <b>Dustin Larson</b>              | <b>Shelterbelt</b> | <b>\$1,000.00</b> |
| <b>FY22-07</b> | <b>4/20/2022</b> | <b>Adam Henning</b>               | <b>Shelterbelt</b> | <b>\$661.28</b>   |
| <b>FY22-08</b> | <b>4/20/2022</b> | <b>Eric Fritz</b>                 | <b>Shelterbelt</b> | <b>\$741.37</b>   |
| <b>FY22-09</b> | <b>4/20/2022</b> | <b>Tony Reker</b>                 | <b>Shelterbelt</b> | <b>\$1,000.00</b> |
| <b>FY22-10</b> | <b>4/20/2022</b> | <b>Zach Reker</b>                 | <b>Shelterbelt</b> | <b>\$1,000.00</b> |
| <b>FY22-11</b> | <b>4/20/2022</b> | <b>Dan Rautenkranz</b>            | <b>Shelterbelt</b> | <b>\$1,000.00</b> |
| <b>FY22-12</b> | <b>4/20/2022</b> | <b>James &amp; Connie Johnson</b> | <b>Shelterbelt</b> | <b>\$1,000.00</b> |

Their moved to approve the above contracts for SWCD Tree cost share

. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE: none**

**District Manager Report** – Staff PTO Request – Admin Assistant – May 5-9; July 1-5; August 2-3 days to move daughter to New York; September 11-25. Nelsen moved to approve the Admin Assistants leave request. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Also, computer lodge will be closing the retail location. Our contract for service is still valid and they will still continue to do work for businesses.

Buffers- Zach Reker and Mark Koster working on a letters for the landowners. BWSR and John are working on the maps, about 27 that are not in compliance. Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> the letters will go out. Originally we had over 1800 and now we are down to 27.

**District Technician Report** – none

**District Conservationist Report** – Blankers reported that the 2022 CSP Classic Sign-up needs to be assessed and ranked by Friday. Nobles had 8 applications that were prioritized or screened High. We hope to be working on the 2023 CSP Renewals this summer.

We have also been working on EQIP Contracts. Some of the EQIP applications are already obligated for Nobles County. We have been making payments for EQIP too.

RCPD would be another pot of money that producers with MN Ag Water Certification could get practices funded.

**Watershed Districts and Other Reports** – Demuth updated us on the last county meeting. About 470miles of paved roads and 5 bridges to be replaced in Nobles County.

**Old Business**

**MRWP-**

**Des Moines 1W1P** – April Meeting Joint Powers Board or a Joint powers agreement and how to function when the planning is complete. This fall the funds should come in maybe in October or November about 1.2 to 1.4 million in funding.

**Supervisor Vacancy** – Jess DeKam took his oath and is on the Nobles SWCD Board.

**SWAG Grant** – Shea reported that Sampling will be 2 or 3 times a month. There are 5 streams and 3 lakes.

**Summit Lake**

**Food Plot-** Pioneer donated seed

**Burn** – Wilmont fire department to do a burn, needs maps. Should be about \$250. Shea mentioned sending \$500 if they only bill \$250.

**Taxes** – Etsinger noted that the updated taxes will be \$3.68 for the 2 parcels. Shea informed the board the that south should be assessed and not the North if we end up selling the land.

**Wood Duck Houses** – Houses have been donated and Gallman will get them installed.

**Local Work Group:** will be today after the board meeting.

**Pheasants Forever Banquet** – Sold 150 Black Hills spruce for \$2000.00

**New Business:**

**TSA Conservation Agronomist** – will be with New Vision on a NACD Grant

**Scott JAA:** When Scott gets certified on Basins he will go up a level on the pay scale. Nelsen moved to approve the increase in Scotts Pay upon completion of certification. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**District Manager Position:** Advertising, look into posting on Keloland. Dekam moved to advertise on the Keloland website. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**Trees:** The pick up day for SWCD trees will be April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Etsinger will be doing the Arbor Day presentations April 26-28<sup>th</sup>.

**Calendar of Events:**

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am

**ADJOURN:** April 20<sup>th</sup> , at 8:59 am

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Secretary