

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
February 18, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held February 18th, 2026, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jess Dekam. Present were Lynn Darling, Nathan Their, Jess Dekam, and Paul Langseth. Also present were Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative & Finance Coordinator; Scott Runck, District Manager; Jane Sikes, Resource Specialist; Aaron Crowley, NRCS; Josh Schmidt, Pheasants Forever; Gene Metz, Commissioner.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the February 18, 2026 meeting was reviewed. Darling moved to approve the agenda. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the January 21, 2026, meeting was reviewed. Their moved to approve the minutes as presented. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Dekam, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for January 2026. Their moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$181068.19. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

SWCD Tree Cost Share

SWCD-T-01	\$913.47
SWCD-T-02	\$3224.13
SWCD-T-03	\$1341.74
SWCD-T-04	\$833.33
SWCD-T-05	\$1045.98
SWCD-T-06	\$994.63
SWCD-T-07	\$2576.65
SWCD-T-08	\$2745.50

Their moved to approve the above contracts for SWCD tree cost share. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT:

- current projects and upcoming projects.
- O&O Watershed would like a new working agreement between both entities. Lynn moved to updated the agreement. Langseth seconded the agreement. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Dekam, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT: Etsinger updated the board on

- W-2's, 1099s for both the SWCD & KLR. Also, the
- Grant reporting for BWSR is complete. Requesting the next 40% for FY24 MRWP funds and finalizing the FY22 for the last 10%.
- Still working on the website to be ADA compliant.
- Finished the AgBMP annual budget and fund request.
- And the MCIT Payroll audit
- Census.
- Environmental Fair

RESOURCE SPECIALIST REPORT:

- Sikes reported on the tree season so far.
- WCA 101
- Site Visits
- Soil Health Meeting
- Environmental Fair

FARMBILL BIOLOGIST REPORT:

- Schmidt reported he is helping out while FSA is short staffed.
- Putting together a mid management day in march.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST:

- Working on getting EQIP and CSP payments out to individuals that want payment in for the 2025 crop year
- Preparing for the upcoming EQIP program 2026 year.
- Have had meetings about the changes in the EQIP program and CSP program

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

Ocheda and Okabena watershed working on annual plan for February. Review the Nobles Contract. Drawdown not working.

MRWP: approved budget for FY26, Approved request for funds, approved policy for 2026. Also approved the 30day notice for the midpoint. Also discussed Soil health contracts 1yr vs 3 yrs.

KLR- election of offices. Discussed newsletter.

County: Gene Metz updated the board about the data center project. Reading sewer short 3 million dollars for project.

OLD BUSINESS

SUMMINT LAKE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT: approved plan updates/met with committee. Need to finalize a few more things in the plan to get it ready for bidding

Legislative Days: Langseth and Nelsen will attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Wellhead Grant: working with Aaron to apply for a grant for Nutrient Management w/Rock Nobles Pipestone. Less restrictive than MRWP and it's a way to reduce nitrates near the wellheads.

2026 Data Policy: Langseth moved to approve the data policy. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2026, at 7:30 a.m.

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Secretary