

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
December 18, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held December 18 2024, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Nathan Their. Present were Lynn Darling, Nathan Their, Rick Nelsen, Jess Dekam, and Paul Langseth. Also, present were Scott Runck, District Manager; Nathan Schuck, Resource Specialist; Josh Schmidt, Pheasants Forever; Gene Metz, Nobles Commissioner; and Aaron Crowley, NRCS.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the December 18, 2024, meeting was reviewed. Nelson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the November 20, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Darling moved to approve the minutes as presented. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for November 2024. Langseth moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$427,444.08 respectively. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

Amendments

FY24 Payments

FY24-MRWP Structural Payments:

FY24-MRWP-39	Doug Brands	WSCB	Pipestone	\$10,080.77
FY24-MRWP-24	Ahrendt Acres	WWY	Rock	\$27,637.99
FY24-MRWP-36	Delmar Spronk	WSCB	Pipestone	\$34,977.17
FY24-MRWP-25	Ahrendt Acres	WSCB	Rock	\$5,544.00
FY24-MRWP-13	Joel Hartz	WSCB	Rock	\$22,230.91
Fy24-MRWP-40	Barry Rieck	WSCB	Pipestone	\$10,707.45
FY24-MRWP-04	Todd Matus	WSCB	Rock	\$26,331.80
FY24-MRWP-49	JB Delaney Farms	WWY	Pipestone	\$22,265.15

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

FY24-MRWP Non-Structural Payments

FY24-MRWP-06	Dennis Johnson	Cover Crop	Pipestone	\$49,920.00
FY24-MRWP-33	Summit Lake Livestock	Cover Crop	Nobles	\$10,604.00

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

FY22-MRWP Extra Fund Payments:

FY22-MRWP-86	Aaron Sandbulte	Cover Crop	Rock	\$34,200.00
FY22-MRWP-99	Bill Brockberg	Cover Crop	Pipestone	\$7,200.00
FY22-MRWP-94	Jonathan Pap	Cover Crop	Rock	\$21,240.00
FY22-MRWP-90	Fluit Farms	Cover Crop	Rock	\$50,000.00
FY22-MRWP-95	Jared Kopplow	Cover Crop	Nobles	\$38,400.00
FY24-MRWP-33	Summit Lake Livestock	Cover Crop	Nobles	\$39,396.00
FY22-MRWP-97	B&R Farms	Cover Crop	Nobles	\$50,000.00
FY22-MRWP-87	Brian Top	Cover Crop	Rock	\$17,460.00
FY22-MRWP-101	Ken Christensen	Cover Crop	Pipestone	\$11,520.00

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

FY22-MRWP Structural Payments:

77-Rodrigue	Gary Rodrigue	WSCB	Nobles	\$28,221.44
83-Lonneman	Dustin Lonneman	WSCB	Nobles	\$1,355.66

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

FY22-MRWP Non-Structural Payments

75-Paulsen	Nick Paulsen	Cover Crop	Pipestone	\$10,000.00
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Nelsen moved to approve the above contracts for payment for MRWP. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY25 Soil Health Payments:

FY25-SH-01	Scott Brunk	Cover Crop	\$13,330.00
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Darling moved to approve the above contracts for payment for Soil Health. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY23 Soil Health Payments

SH-03	Scott Brunk	ST/NT	\$6,670.00
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Langseth moved to approve the above contracts for payment for Soil Health. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY24 State Cost Share/Conservation Contract Payment:

SC24-01-Erlandson	Paul Erlandson	WSCB	\$20,172.00
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Nelsen moved to approve the above contracts for payment for State Cost Share. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY25 State Cost Share/Conservation Contract Payment:

SC24-01-Erlandson Paul Erlandson WSCB \$20,172.00

Langseth moved to approve the above contracts for payment for State Cost Share. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Amendments:

FY22-MRWP-84 Dianna Groenewald Install by date extended to 12/31/2025

Langseth moved to approve the amendment for a date extension for the above contract. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY22-MRWP-80 Fluit Farms Install by date extended to 12/31/2025

Darling moved to approve the amendment for a date extension for the above contract. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

District Manager Report – Runck updated the board about the MRWP joint powers meeting and the Policy change to pay out ST/NT practices in the spring after planting. Also introduced the new PF Farmbill Biologist Josh to the Board.

Resource Specialist Report- Schuck reported on the tree orders, tile permits, and the current tree plans.

District Conservationist Report – Crowley reported on 4 CSP contracts getting finalized. Staring EQIP applications and discussions for 2025. Also attended a meeting about EQIP practice updates. All EQIP applications need to be ranked by January 19th.

Watershed Districts and Other Reports –

O&O: Langseth updated the Board about the Crailsheim project. Also reported that the DNR is still working on the drawn down plan and a public meeting will be held soon.

County: Metz updated the board on projects around the county.

Old Business: none

New Business:

SWCD Conservation Use: Runck discussed increasing the rate to \$150 per acre. The board requested a proposal/policy to be created and brought to the next meeting. They will review at the time.

2024 Audit Engagement Letter: Runck reported it would be about \$4000-\$5000 for the audit for 2024 files. Langseth moved to approve the engagement letter. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Dues:

Pheasants Forever Local Sponsorship: Board discussed if we will review for 2025. Will do the sponsorship as in previous years, capped at \$1500.00. Langseth moved to approve the 2025 dues for the Pheasants Forever Local Chapter. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

NACD: Board discussed renewing the membership for the 2025 year. Will do the silver plan at \$501. Darling moved to approve the dues at the silver level for 2025. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Calendar of Events:

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for January 15th 2025, at 7:30am

ADJOURN: December 18, 2024, at 9:07 a.m.

Secretary