

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
February 21,2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held February 21, 2024, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Nathan Their. Present were Lynn Darling, Jess DeKam, Nathan Their, Rick Nelson, and Paul Langseth. Also, present were Tiffini Etsinger, Finance & Administrative Coordinator; Scott Runck, District Manager; Nathan Schuck, Resource Specialist; and Aaron Crowley, NRCS; and Cole Niebauer.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the February 21, 2024, meeting was reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the agenda as presented. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the January 17, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Darling moved to approve the minutes as presented. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. 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 \$133,798.23 respectively. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

NEW CONTRACTS

FY22-MRWP

FY22-MRWP-81	Rock	WWY	90%	\$35,098.65
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Darling moved to approve the above contract for MRWP. Nelson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY22-MRWP Payments:

FY22-MRWP-69	Pipestone	Cover Crop	\$4,711.50
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FY22-MRWP-70	Pipestone	Cover Crop	\$7,643.10
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Nelsen moved to approve the above payments for MRWP. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY22-MRWP-25	Pipestone	WWY	\$55,627.40
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FY22-MRWP-45	Nobles	WWY	\$12,958.26
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Nelsen moved to approve the above contracts for MRWP. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

District Manager Report – Runck updated the board with current projects. And discussed the Soil Health Tour, and the I-90 tour. Runck updated the board on the Soil Health Grant.

Resource Specialist Report- Schuck reported on the current tree orders and plans. He is also doing some online training.

District Conservationist Report – Aaron reported they are working on EQIP & CSP payments.

Farmbill Biologist Report- Cole reported that the internship is posted on the PF website. The RIM rates increased for 2024, final amounts will be posted in March. Pheasant Fest will be next weekend.

Watershed Districts and Other Reports –

O&O: Langseth reported that they are looking at carp management proposal, rejected 40k to do another trap. Not sponsoring but encouraging carp fishing and paying for a dumpster for it, along whiskey ditch or possibly the dam area.

Old Business:

Operational Handbook: Etsinger went over the proposed Operational Handbook for Nobles SWCD. Nelsen moved to approve the handbook. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Legislative Days- Discussed legislative days, Runck and Nelsen will attend

Environmental Fair- The fair is looking to collect a \$2000 donation for this years fair. The Board agreed to the amount as it is in the current budget.

MRWP

FY22 – Etsinger updated the board on the current audit for the 22 funds. We also received the supplemental funds for non structural projects.

FY24 – We have sent in everything for 2024 funds, BWSR should be executing the grant soon.

Calendar of Events:

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2024, at 7:30am

ADJOURN: February 21, 2024, at 8:52 a.m.

Secretary