

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
April 19, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held April 19, 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, and Paul Langseth. Also, present were Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative Coordinator; Scott Runck, District Manager; and Nathan Schuck, Resource Specialist.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the April 19, 2023, meeting was reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the agenda as presented. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the March 15, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Darling moved to approve the minutes as presented. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for March 2023. Langseth moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$50,623.86 respectively. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

NEW CONTRACTS

SWCD-62	Nobles	Conservation Use	\$1,500.00
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Their moved to approve the above Conservation Use contracts. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY23-01	Tim Bents	Shelterbelt	\$548.82
FY23-02	Deven Bents	Shelterbelt	\$574.98
FY23-03	Jason Johnson	Shelterbelt	\$261.60
FY23-04	Ben Krohn	Shelterbelt	\$791.27
FY23-05	Jason Lebrun	Shelterbelt	\$1,000.00
FY23-06	Jason Lebrun	Shelterbelt	\$323.09

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

FY22-MRWP-49-Ehde	Rock	WSCB	75%	\$27,756.90
FY22-MRWP-50-Overgaard	Rock	WSCB	90%	\$12,210.21
FY22-MRWP-51-Overgaard	Rock	WWY	90%	\$4,401.00
FY22-MRWP-52-Bowron	Rock	WWY	90%	\$40,119.30
FY22-MRWP-53-Bowron	Rock	WWY	90%	\$9,159.75

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

FY22-MRWP-48-Ehde	Rock	Cover Crop	\$8,376.00
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Langseth moved to approve the above contract. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: none

District Manager Report – Etsinger updated the board that a new laptop was in need for the admin position. After discussion the board approved the purchase of a new laptop.

Langseth moved to approve the purchase of a new laptop for the admin position. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried

District Conservationist Report – Nathan reported they are working on EQIP & CSP payments, along with rankings. They have attended some trainings.

Watershed Districts and Other Reports –

O&O: Langseth updated the board on the recent meeting with O&O. They are still working on the Crailsheim Project with the school, the grant is approved. Not sure when construction will begin. They added Scott to the advisory committee. It was discussed the Bella trails some are being used and some are not. Will still cut and maintain trails. Also we will be doing algae bloom sampling, will test the blue/green algae.

Old Business:

- a. **MRWP:** All of the final reports have been sent off, and we should be getting the last 10% of funds soon.
- b. **Des Moines** – Things are moving along and this is in the final stages.

New Business:

TSA Conservation Agronomist: Etsinger updated the board on this position. Rock County has been working on getting a grant for this position to extend it another 3yrs. The grant would be filed under the Missouri River Joint Powers Name, the joint powers board approved that at the last meeting. We would be using the Nobles SWCD's SAM number for this grant. Rock will be doing all of the work on it.

Paul moved to approve using the MRWP name and the Nobles SWCD Sam's number to apply for this grant. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried

SWCD Tech Position: Etsinger informed the board that the 6month probation period was over. They agreed to end probation and increase the pay 4.75%. They also discussed getting a credit card for Nathan as well.

Nelson moved to approve ending probation and increasing the pay 4.75%. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried

Langseth moved to approve getting Nathan a company credit card. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried

Trees: Schuck updated the board the pick up day for tress would be May 5th 9-5. Etsinger updated the board the Arbor day presentations would be April 23-24th.

Calendar of Events:

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2023, at 7:30am

ADJOURN: April 19, 2023, at 8:36 a.m.

Secretary