

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
February 15, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held February 15, 2023, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Rick Nelsen. Present were Lynn Darling, Jess DeKam, Nathan Their, Rick Nelson, and Paul Langseth. Also, present were Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative Coordinator; Scott Runck, District Manager; Nathan Schuck, Resource Specialist; and Nathan Blankers, NRCS; Bob Demuth, County Commissioner.

**AGENDA:** The Agenda for the February 15, 2023, meeting was reviewed. Darling moved to approve the agenda as presented. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MINUTES:** The minutes for the January 18, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the minutes as presented. Their 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 2023. Their moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$52,547.42 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**

<b>FY22-MRWP-36</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>WSCB 90%</b>	<b>\$32,057.64</b>
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Darling moved to approve the above contracts for MRWP. Nelson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**FY22-MRWP**

<b>FY22-MRWP-37</b>	<b>Rock</b>	<b>Cover Crop</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>FY22-MRWP-38</b>	<b>Rock</b>	<b>Cover Crop</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>FY22-MRWP-39</b>	<b>Rock</b>	<b>Cover Crop</b>	<b>\$6,016.47</b>
<b>FY22-MRWP-40</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>Cover Crop</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>FY22-MRWP-41</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>Cover Crop</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>FY22-MRWP-42</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>Cover Crop</b>	<b>\$8,847.15</b>
<b>FY22-MRWP-43</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>Cover Crop</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

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

**Payments**

<b>FY22-MRWP-05</b>	<b>Rock</b>	<b>WWY</b>	<b>\$10,614.66</b>
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Darling moved to approve the above contracts for MRWP. Nathan 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 drill quotes.

**District Conservationist Report** – Nathan reported they are working on EQIP & CSP payments. They have attended some trainings. Paul has updated I&E sheets to use.

**Watershed Districts and Other Reports** –

**O&O:** Langseth reported they had a meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup>. discussed and accepted the grant for the Crailsheim project. TSA has lots of projects and projects pending.

**County:** Demuth reported on the Environmental issues in Reading. The Reading Sewer Project is a top 10 project for the MN Pollution Agency. A focus group has been formed. Ahlers and Paplow will be in the group. Peter Miller with SanTech, Mark Koster, Al Madison, And Bruce Heitkamp working on finding affordable solutions for the 57 homes in Reading.

**Old Business:**

**I-90 Tour:** About 60 to 70 people showed up. A lot of NRCS and SWCD staff attended as well.

**MASWCD Legislative Days:** Etsinger went over the dates and times with the board. They agreed to send 2 staff and the board to attend as well. Etsinger to make all of the arrangements.

**New Business:**

**Drill Quotes:** Runck reviewed the quotes with the board. They asked Runck to make a few changes and bring new quotes to the next meeting.

**Grant Finalization:** Etsinger went over all of the grants that were finalized in 2022. Also went over the amounts of Tech and Admin time billed for each grant. Langseth made a motion to transfer the billed tech and admin time from the State cost share savings into the District savings. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MRWP:** Etsinger finalized FY20 funds for this grant. It's been submitted to BSWR for the final 10% of funds. She also notified the board the final audit will be happening soon.

**Calendar of Events:**

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2023, at 7:30am

**ADJOURN:** February 15, 2023, at 8:45 a.m.

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Secretary