

Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
May 20th, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held May 20th, 2026, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Paul Langseth. Present were Lynn Darling, Nathan Their, Paul Langseth, and Rick Nelsen. Also present were Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative & Finance Coordinator; Scott Runck, District Manager; Jane Sikes, Resource Specialist; Aaron Crowley, NRCS; Josh Schmidt, Pheasants Forever; Drew Arteman, Conservation Delivery Intern; and Gene Metz, County Commissioner.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the May 20, 2026, meeting was reviewed. Their moved to approve the agenda. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Langseth, and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the April 15, 2026, meeting was reviewed. Darling moved to approve the minutes as presented. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Langseth, and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for April 2026. Their moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$57,010.46. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Langseth, and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

MRWP FY26 & FY24

Fund source change for FY26-MRWP-317 & FY26-MRWP-318 from MRWP FY26 funds to MRWP FY24 funding.

Darling moved to approve the above contracts for a fund source change from MRWP FY26 to MRWP FY24. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Nelsen, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY24 Payments:

FY24-MRWP-135A	Leuthold	CCw/WWY	ROCK	\$10,000.00
FY26-MRWP-317	Loonan	WWY	Nobles	\$9,986.61
FY26-MRWP-318	Loonan	WWY	Nobles	\$16,054.49

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

CORRESPONDENCE: none

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT:

- current projects and upcoming projects

ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT: Etsinger updated the board on

- ADA Website research
- Tree Invoices & Payments
- MRWP Reporting for end of June
- Admin Training meetings & Planning

RESOURCE SPECIALIST REPORT:

- Review of the tree program
- 4 tree plantings left to do
- Matting will be next

FARMBILL BIOLOGIST REPORT:

- Started doing 2027-28 status reviews
- Closed 6 easements and landowners have received payments totaling around 283 acres 3 to go
- Assisted on 4 landowner burns totaling around 60 acres burned
- Introduced new intern for the summer

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST:

- Nobles county had applications preapproved
 - 3-CSP RPP
 - 1-EQIP Farmstead
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- Finishing up 2 preapproved EQIP applications for obligation
- Reviewing field tillage for contracts
- Every county had at least one application receive funding
- Star Tribune had an article discussing the possibility of funding being cut to the USDA

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

O&O: The Crailsheim project might get done, DNR redesigned. The Ocheda draw down is done for the year. Talking with Hydro Ag Solutions for solutions in whiskey ditch, treatments for algae blooms. Prairie View filters have some issues, trying to figure it out.

County: Data Center is a no from the County. Still working on the tile that was blistering, Faribault County is having the same issue. Going to work together to figure out how it's going to get fixed. Reading is short 2.5 million in funds for the sewer system.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Area 5 Meeting: Reviewed the upcoming meeting with the board.

Agassiz Seed Credit Line: Discussed with the board about getting a line of credit going with this company for more seed options. Their moved to approve applying for a line of credit. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Nelsen, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2026, at 7:30 a.m.

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