

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
August 17, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held August 17, 2022, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Paul Langseth. Present were Lynn Darling, Rick Nelsen, Jess DeKam, and Paul Langseth. Also, present were Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative Assistant; Scott Runck, District Manager; Will Gallman, Wildlife Biologist II; and Aaron Crowley NRCS.

**AGENDA:** The Agenda for the August 17, meeting was reviewed. Nelsen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MINUTES:** The minutes for the July 20, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Nelsen moved to approve the minutes as presented. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** The Treasurer’s Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for August 2022. Darling moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$64,659.90 respectively. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:**

**MRWP: FY22**

FY22-MRWP-19-VerSteege	Rock	Cover Crop		\$2,560.20
FY22-MRWP-20-Bos	Rock	Cover Crop		\$10,000.00
FY22-MRWP-21-Petersen	Rock	Cover Crop		\$7,643.10
FY22-MRWP-22-Feikema	Rock	Cover Crop		\$10,000.00
FY22-MRWP-23-Tofteland	Rock	Cover Crop		\$1,779.90
FY22-MRWP-16-Tofteland	Rock	WWY	75%	\$20,514.38
FY22-MRWP-17-Halbur	Pipestone	WWY	90%	\$13371.69
FY22-MRWP-18-Halbur	Pipestone	WWY	75%	\$10,015.50

Darling moved to approve the above Cover Crop contracts for the amounts listed. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Nelsen moved to approve the above Waterway contracts for the amounts listed. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**2020 Local Capacity:**

LC20-03-Hamilton Trust	Rick Knips	WSCB	75%	\$14,449.50
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Nelsen moved to approve the above contract for the amount listed. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

LC20-04-Dystra	Steve Dykstra	WWY	75%	\$12,579.19
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Darling moved to approve the above contract for the amount listed. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**SWCD Local Cost Share:**

SWCD-61	DeBeer	Conservation Use	\$1,500.00
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Darling moved to approve the above conservation use contract payments for the amount listed. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**District Manager Report** – Runck updated the board with current projects.

**Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist Report:** none

**District Conservationist Report** – Aaron filled the board in with the current projects for NRCS.

**Watershed Districts and Other Reports –**

**O&O:** Langseth reported that the board applied for grant for water storage. Fish kill in lake Sarah, also a PF food plot in Bella.

**County:** Bob Demuth reported that Nobles County had a financial review they are at the middle of the budget. Finch & Nash reviewed the county and reported, and they have a great financial standing. Also 4.2 million in ARAP funds have been deposited, the moneys will be used for capital improvements in nobles county. Also 3% COA was approved.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

**SWCD 2021 Audit:** Etsinger reported it will begin in September

**MRWP FY20 Audit:** Etsinger reported files have been sent to Julie. Waiting for results

**Learning Area Tours:** Etsinger went over the dates and times of the event with the board. The SWCD will provide lunches for the 3 days of this event.

Darling moved to approve hosting the Learning Area Tour for 2022 and providing the lunches. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MASWCD Annual Convention:** Etsinger provided the dates for the convention. Board wants to register all staff & supervisors. While discussing this convention, BWSR Academy was brought up and the board would like the staff to attend this in October.

Darling moved to approve the SWCD Staff attending the BWSR Training in October. DeKam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**Job Titles:** Etsinger discussed updating the current Job titles to be more appealing to the current job seekers, this information was from a managers meeting. The board agreed with the recommendations. The current title District Technician will be Resource Specialist, and Administrative Assistant will be Administrative & Finance Coordinator.

**Calendar of Events:**

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for September 21 at 7:30am

**ADJOURN:** August 17, 2022 at 8:18 a.m.

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Secretary