

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
August 20, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held August 20, 2025, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Lynn Darling. Present were Lynn Darling, Nathan Their, Rick Nelsen, Jess Dekam, and Paul Langseth. Also, present were Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative & Finance Coordinator; Scott Runck, District Manager; Nathan Schuck, Resource Specialist; Aaron Crowley, NRCS; Josh Schmidt, Pheasants Forever; and Gene Metz, Commissioner.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the August 20, 2025, meeting was reviewed. Their moved to approve the agenda. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the July 16, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Nelsen moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for August 2025. Their moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$86,017.64. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

FY22-MRWP Cost Share

Payments:

FY22-MRWP-84	D. Gronewald	Nobles	WWY	\$10,902.37
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Langseth moved to approve the above contract for payment. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY24 MRWP Cost Share

PAYMENTS

FY24-MRWP-37	B Brockberg	St/Nt	Pipestone	\$7,200.00
FY24-MRWP-220	Carl Heikes	wwy	Nobles	\$13,841.80

Langseth moved to approve the ST/NT contract above payment. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: SWCD Governance training

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: Runck updated the board about current projects and upcoming projects. Soil health updates as well.

ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT- Etsinger updated the board on FMLA, upcoming training, 2024 audit, FY24 reconciliation.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT: Schuck reported that he is working on soil health and wetland area tours. Currently doing the water sampling and well readings. Working on a few joint applications.

FARMBILL BIOLOGIST REPORT: Schmidt reported on current projects and easements and the site checks.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: Aaron updated the board he is finishing up getting two EQIP and CSP applications obligated. Working on certification of a few EQIP practices of funded projects. EQIP signup period one deadline was August 1st. People can still sign up for EQIP, but will be put into a second round. Preparing for the upcoming EQIP program 2026 year.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

O&O Langseth reported that the Pond is still on hold. Posted for the Administrator Position. Also rose well sealing to \$800 max to follow KLR. They adopted the budget, public hearing in September.

County: Gene Metz updated the board on some of the current projects in Nobles County. They are also starting the budget process for the county.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Updates- Etsinger discussed moving funds from project development and education outreach in the FY24 MRWP grant over to structural funds.

Langseth moved to transfer funds from project development and education outreach into structural for FY24 MRWP. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Soil Health Admin Authority/Signatures. Runck presented to the board having Etsinger/Runck sign off on the contract authorization for soil health practices in order to get the contracts valid and able to get on the ground due to the limited amount of time left before the planting cut of dates. At the upcoming board meetings, we will

provide a report of what was contracted. Nelsen moved to allow administrative signing authority for Etsinger/Runk for Soil Health Practices for RCPP & FY24 Soil Health grants. Dekam Seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for September 17th, 2025, at 7:30 a.m.

ADJOURN 8:30 a.m.

Secretary