

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
May 21, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held May 21, 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; Gene Metz, Commissioner; and Don Bajumpaa, BWSR.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the May 21, 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 April 16, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the minutes as presented. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

NOBLES SWCD PRAPP: Don with BWSR presented the board with the results from the PRAP, overall the SWCD is performing well. Had possible recommendations for the SWCD and Board to further growth in the organization.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for May 2025. Langseth moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$57,000.49. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

FY24-MRWP Cost Share

Contracts:

FY24-MRWP-228	Dean Gilman	WSCB	65%	\$5,898.03
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Nelsen moved to approve the above contract for MRWP Cost share. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Payments:

FY24-MRWP-227	Gene Halber	WWY	Pipestone	\$9,438.04
FY24-MRWP-222	Shirley Vaslaar	WWY	Nobles	\$25,451.53
FY24-MRWP-221	Donna Vaslaar	WWY	Nobles	\$38,620.32

FY24-MRWP-21	BrianTop	st/nt	Rock	\$17,460.00
FY24-MRWP-19	Jonathan Pap	st/nt	Rock	\$21,240.00
FY24-MRWP-18	Jared Pap	st/nt	Rock	\$50,000.00

Their moved to approve the above payments for MRWP Cost share. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

AG Water Contract:

James Jones \$100 GERBA Incentive

Langseth moved to approve the Ag Water Quality Contract. Their seconded the motion. Nelsen moved to approve the above contract for MRWP Cost share. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: County Wide Directory, we put an ad in the book, we will receive 10 platt books for Nobles county.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: Runck updated the board about current projects and upcoming projects.

ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT- Etsinger updated the board on MRWP reconciliation, and the mid-year reporting got FY22 & FY24 MRWP due in June. Working on the KLR Audit and Paid FMLA workshops. Getting dates gather for Wetland Area Tours.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT: Schuck reported on the tree season so far, started planting for the season, 28 plantings scheduled for the season with 22 of the sites getting matted as well.

FARMBILL BIOLOGIST REPORT: Schmidt reported CSP is now open for enrollment.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: Aaron updated the board with the status of CSP & EQIP projects. Also did a lot of field verifications on tillage practices. Local workgroup will be June 25th 2025.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

O&O Langseth reported that the Pond is still on hold. There is a dumpster at Centennial Park for carp collection. Ralph will be getting off of the Board, Dan is also retiring, they are looking to post in July with a hire by October.

KLR- Discussed potential soil health practices, looking at funding practices next to public water bodies. PRAP report was also reviewed with BWSR and the Board, overall they are performing very well.

County: Gene Metz updated the board they have 15 unfilled positions. Three deputies short, Redwood county will help out if needed. They are discussing appointed vs elected positions for

Treasurer and Recorder. They will be working on the upcoming budget, waiting on the legislative budget.

OLD BUSINESS

Federal Soil Health Grant: This was approved, we will be getting funds in July. We need to review what is needed and what needs to be done. Rock wants us to adopt their ranking standards in MRWP.

LOCAL Work Group: Will be held June 25th in Ellsworth. Etsinger will send out letters for Nobles and get it on the radio.

NEW BUSINESS

Area 5 Meeting: This will be June 26 in Windom, need to RSVP by June 18th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for June 18th, 2025, at 7:30 a.m.

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Secretary