

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
October 18, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held October 18, 2023, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Rick Nelsen. Present were Lynn Darling, Nathan Their, Rick Nelson, and Paul Langseth. Also, present were Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative Coordinator; Scott Runck, District Manager; Nathan Schuck, Resource Specialist; Cole Neibauer, PF Farm Bill Biologist; and Aaron Crowley, NRCS.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the October 18, 2023, meeting was reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the agenda as presented. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the September 20, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Darling moved to approve the minutes as presented. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2022 Audit: Katie Jacobson presented the audit to the board, reviewed the net position, and the changes from last year to this year.

Nelsen moved to accept the audit as presented. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth, and Their. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for September 2023. Their moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$22,929.54 respectively. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

MRWP FY22 Payments:

FY22-MRWP-37-Pap	Jared Pap	Cover Crop	Rock	\$10,000.00
FY22-MRWP-41-Zeinstra	Zeinstra Dairy	Cover Crop	Pipestone	\$10,000.00
FY22-MRWP-44-Newgard	Tom Newgard	Cover Crop	Pipestone	\$10,000.00
FY22-MRWP-42-Newgard	Wade Newgard	Cover Crop	Pipestone	\$10,000.00
FY22-MRWP-35-Fey	Fey Farms	Cover Crop	Pipestone	\$8,748.20
FY22-MRWP-66-VanEssen	Del VanEssen	Cover Crop	Pipestone	\$6,400.50
FY22-MRWP-62-Hansen	Ben Hansen	Cover Crop	Pipestone	\$3,456.27
FY22-MRWP-68-Hunter	Jesse Hunter	Cover Crop	Pipestone	\$10,000.00

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

FY22-MRWP-53-Bowron	John Bowron	WWY	Rock	\$7,756.75
FY22-MRWP-52-Bowron	John Bowron	WWY	Rock	\$31,317.20
FY22-MRWP-12-Roger	Roger Wynia	WWY	Rock	\$10,268.78
FY22-MRWP-15-Van Hill	Rob Van Hill	WWY	Rock	\$7,303.52

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

MRWP FY22 Contracts:

FY22-MRWP-73	Rock	WSCB	638	\$42,454.26
FY22-MRWP-74	Pipestone	WWY	412	\$30,825.14
FY22-MRWP-77	Nobles	WSCB	638	\$28,221.44

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

FY22-MRWP-71	Rock	Strip Till/No Till	329	\$10,000.00
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FY22-MRWP-72	Rock	Strip Till/No Till	329	\$10,000.00
FY22-MRWP-75	Pipestone	Cover Crop	340	\$10,000.00
FY22-MRWP-76	Pipestone	Strip Till/No Till	329	\$10,000.00
FY22-MRWP-78	Pipestone	Cover Crop	340	\$5,883.31

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

2023 Soil Health Payment:

SH-01	Nobles	CC	\$4188.00
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Langseth moved to approve the above payment. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

District Manager Report – Runck reported on upcoming projects in the works and the ones ending soon.

District Technician Report: Schuck reviewed the tree prices and increasing the pricing. Updated the board with current tree plantings in the works.

District Conservationist Report – Aaron reported letters were sent out last week to EQIP and CSP renewal applicants asking if they would like to continue to seek funding for practices. Right now working on processing payments for EQIP and CSP for 2023year. NRCS is hiring for a Soil Conservationist for multiple offices, including Worthington. He accepted the District Conservationist position for the Worthington office

Farm Bill Biologist: Cole reported on the current RIM and CREP Estimates. He will be attending BWSR academy next week. Also updated the board on the PF Easement Enhancement Grant that is open from Nov 1 to Dec 31.

Watershed Districts and Other Reports –

Des Moines: Nelson reported they approved 3 payments.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- a. Conservation Delivery & Conservation Contracts 24 & 25
 - i. P24-0181 Conservation Delivery 24
 - ii. P24-0271 Conservation Contracts 24
 - iii. P25-0052 Conservation Delivery 25
 - iv. P25-0142 Conservation Contracts 25

Langseth moved to approved and accept the above grants. Nathan seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

- b. New Truck & Trade in.- Etsinger presented to the board the trade in value for the car and possible truck options.

Langseth moved to approve trading in the car for the quoted trade amount and purchasing a 1 ton truck under \$70,000.00. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

- c. MASWCD Resolutions – Etsinger reviewed the resolutions with the board and gathered there votes for each one to be submitted.

Calendar of Events:

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

ADJOURN: October 18, 2023, at 9:58 a.m.

Secretary