

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
May 18, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held May 18, 2022, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Paul Langseth. Present were Lynn Darling, Rick Nelsen, Nathan Their, Jess DeKam, and Paul Langseth. Also, present were Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative Assistant; Scott Runck, District Technician; Nathan Blankers, NRCS; Bob Demuth, County Commissioner; Will Gallman, Wildlife Biologist II.

**AGENDA:** The Agenda for the May 18, meeting was reviewed. Nelsen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MINUTES:** The minutes for the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Darling moved to approve the minutes as presented. Thier seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** The Treasurer’s Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for April 2022. Darling moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$21,131.31 respectively. DeKam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:**

**MRWP:**

FY22-MRWP-01-Hamann	Rock	WWY	75%	\$30,046.50
FY22-MRWP-02-Jansma	Rock	WWY	75%	\$24,816.38
FY22-MRWP-03-Smith	Rock	WWY	75%	\$14,843.48
FY22-MRWP-04-Nuffer	Rock	WWY	75%	\$14,442.30
FY22-MRWP-05-Fluit	Rock	WWY	75%	\$32,312.16

Nelsen moved to approve the above contracts for 75% cost share. DeKam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY22-MRWP-06-Jansma	Rock	Cover Crop		\$1,920.15
FY22-MRWP-07-Oeding	Rock	Cover Crop		\$4,816.20
FY22-MRWP-08-Oostenick	Rock	Cover Crop		\$10,000.00
FY22-MRWP-09-Fluit	Rock	Cover Crop		\$10,000.00

Thier moved to approve the above cover crop contracts for cost share. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor filing period for the 2022 election process open this year May 17<sup>th</sup>, Etsinger went over with the members who needed to file this year.

**District Manager Report –**

**District Technician Report –** none

**District Conservationist Report –** Nathan reported that he and Aaron are working on CSP. They met the deadline to have the 2022 CSP Classic Sign-up assessed and ranked. Out of that sign-up they have 2 applications that are preapproved and they are working towards making those contracts. Hope to be working on the 2023 CSP Renewals this summer. Also been working on EQIP Contracts, they were able to get the EQIP applications obligated for Nobles County.

A very large stack of 1026s was brought over to have HEL run. They worked on this task and were able to catch up. FSA had not brought over a tract split in two years. RCPP would be another pot of money that producers with MN Ag Water Certification could get practices funded.

## **Watershed Districts and Other Reports –**

### **Old Business**

**Des Moines 1W1P** – Business as usual

**Summit Lake** – We received quotes from Wilmont fire to do the burn. However, it is too late in the season to do one. May 15<sup>th</sup> nesting starts. Food plot is in. Water is in the north Basin. South needs to be opened up, they county ditch is full as well.

### **New Business:**

**District Manager Position:** Scott Runck will take over this position, leaving the district tech position open.

**Tech Position:** The board and SWCD staff discussed the job posting, and starting wages for this position. Etsinger to post the job ASAP, with no end date, the job will be open until filled.

**Supervisor Elections:** Supervisor filing period for the 2022 election process open this year May 17<sup>th</sup>, Etsinger went over with the members who needed to file this year.

**John's Signing Authority:** The board discussed removing John from the bank signing authority and adding Jess to signing Authority. Darling moved to remove John Shea and add Jess DeKam. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**SWCD Cost Share Policy:** The policy will be updated to follow the MRWP policy, with farmable (broad base) terraces or sediment basins are allowed but will only be cost shared up to 90% of the estimated cost of a non-farmable (narrow base). Estimates based on TSA averages. Nelsen moved to update the SWCD cost share policy. DeKam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried

### **Calendar of Events:**

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am

**ADJOURN:** May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 8:41 am

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Secretary