

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
July 16, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held July 16, 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 July 16, 2025, meeting was reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the agenda. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the June 18, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Their moved to approve the minutes as presented. Langseth 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 July 2025. Their moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$117,032.34. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

FY22-MRWP Cost Share

Contracts:

FY24-MRWP-234	Busman Farms	Nobles	WWY	90%	\$11,335.50
FY24-MRWP-165	Merle Jasper	Pipestone	WSCB	65%	\$70,655.00
FY24-MRWP-262	Judy Oldemeyer	Pipestone	WSCB	90%	\$6,137.39

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

FY24 MRWP

CANCEL

FY24-MRWP-85 Meester. Landowner decided to wait to do project. Nelsen moved to cancel the contract. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY24 Contacts

FY24-MRWP-257	Bullerman Farms	Nobles	WSCB 50%	\$135,084.38
FY24-MRWP-261	Ken Christensen	Pipestone	WSCB 90%	\$38,700.00
FY24-MRWP-262	Judy Oldemeyer	Pipestone	WSCB 90%	\$16,182.61

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

PAYMENTS

FY24-MRWP-238	Earl DeWilde	WWY	Pipestone	\$12,864.99
FY24-MRWP-38	Lyman Paulsen	st/nt	Pipestone	\$42,840.00
FY24-MRWP-35	Rick Penning	st/nt	Nobles	\$5,288.90
FY24-MRWP-30	Bruce Brunk	st/nt	Nobles	\$49,140.00
FY24-MRWP-31	B&R Farms	st/nt	Nobles	\$50,000.00
FY24-MRWP-32	Summit Lake Livestock	st/nt	Nobles	\$50,000.00
FY24-MRWP-29	Jared Kopplow	st/nt	Nobles	\$38,400.00

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

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

2025 SWCD COST SHARE

SWCD-T-01	Duane Schuck	Shelterbett	\$860.43
SWCD-T-04	Kevin Schroeder	Shelterbelt	\$2,066.22
SWCD-T-08	Jay Kruger	Shelterbelt	\$1,810.78

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

CORRESPONDENCE: na

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 the Bank issues, and FMLA.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT: Schuck reported that he is working on soil health and wetland area tours.

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

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: Aaron updated the board 2EQIP applications were funded, both are feedlots. He will be attending a Minnesota Soil Health Coalition field days in Redwood Falls. He was accepted to participate in a Midwest Cover Crop Counsel virtual class. Learning more in depth about cover crops and conducting a test plot. August 1st is the EQIP application deadline for the first signup period. Also, IRA funds have been moved to the general funds for EQIP & CSP.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

O&O Langseth reported that the Pond is still on hold. Posting for the Administrator Position.

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

Bank Updates: Etsinger went over the processes with the bank and the County lawyer.

Bank Signatures- Board discussed adding Schuck to the signing authority on the checks so Etsinger can be separate from that for more checks and balances. Board agreed.

Langseth moved to add Schuck to the check signing authority. Their seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Grant Updates- Etsinger went over the MRWP FY22 results with the board. A few training opportunities to go over but everything checked out well.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for August 20th, 2025, at 7:30 a.m.

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Secretary