

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
March 19, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held March 19, 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.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the March 19, 2025, meeting was reviewed. Their moved to approve the agenda. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the February 19, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Nelsen moved to approve the minutes as presented. Their 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 March 2025. Nelsen moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$23,362.49. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

SWCD Cost Share

SWCD-T-06	Bolkema	Shelterbelt	\$1913.56
SWCD-T-07	Kruger	Shelterbelt	\$1093.49
SWCD-T-08	Kruger	Shelterbelt	\$1810.78

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

FY24-MRWP Cost Share

FY24-MRWP-227	Halber	Pipestone	WWY	\$16,769.91
FY24-MRWP-222	Vaselaar	Nobles	WWY	\$28,373.40
FY24-MRWP-218	Bullerman Farms	Nobles	WWY	\$31,189.13
FY24-MRWP-221	Vaselaar	Nobles	WWY	\$38,620.32

FY24-MRWP-223	Dorn	Nobles	WWY	\$13,864.13
FY24-MRWP-224	Dorn	Nobles	WWY	\$15,450.60

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

MRWP FY24 Payment

FY24-MRWP-34	Penning	Nobles	CC	\$4,037.10
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Their moved to approve the above payments for MRWP. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried

FY22-MRWP Payment

FY24-MRWP-34	Penning	Nobles	cc	\$1,251.80
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Their moved to approve the above payment for MRWP Cost. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: none

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

ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT- Etsinger updated the board on PRAP for KLR in April, Nobles SWCD will be in May. Working on finalizing everything for PRAP. Also, Arbor Day is planned for April 22-24th for the area schools.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT: Schuck reported on the tree season so far. Tree pick up day is set for April 18th.

FARMBILL BIOLOGIST REPORT: Schmidt reported CRP waiting for funds, going over site reviews.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: Aaron updated the board with the status of CSP. Everything has been ranked. Currently IRA funds are still frozen for new contracts, existing contracts will get paid.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS: Langseth reported on Ocheda and Okabena watershed Crailsheim project. Ocheda management plan land owner meeting went well. Draw down is planned for the summer season for 2 years to try to fix the issues.

KLR- Discussed potential soil health practices, possibly target the water stream areas first. Still ongoing discussions.

County: Gene Metz updated the board about the Reading Sewer project, its on hold. Also, there is a current tiling project that might have some blistering in it, looking to see how and if it can be fixed.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Days- Over all it went well. Most likely the money for SWCD will stay the same and not increase.

2025 Annual Plan- Etsinger went over existing plan with the board. The staff will clean up the current plan and edit out old info. The board will have ideas and goals at the next meeting for the 2025 plan.

Federal Soil Health Grant: Currently on hold due to the IRA funding freeze.

NEW BUSINESS

LOCAL Work Group: Tentatively planning our Local work group for April. Will confirm with NRCS and possible place to host it.

Environmental Fair: The Fair committee was estimating it would cost each SWCD about \$2000 to be able to do the fair. It will be September 23rd and 24th at the Lyon County Fairgrounds.

Langseth moved to approve the \$2000.00 cost. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried

Adrian Conservation Project: Runck discussed with the board holding the contract for this project. We would receive funds to turn around and pay on the contracts. We would not hold the grant or report on the grant.

Their moved to hold the contract for this project. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried

Water Monitoring: There is a need for monitoring, SWCD will help get it started but will need the city support and effort to continue with the monitoring.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2025, at 7:30 a.m.

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Secretary