

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
March 18, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held March 18th, 2026, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jess Dekam. Present were Lynn Darling, Nathan Their, Jess Dekam, and Rick Nelsen. Also present were Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative & Finance Coordinator; Scott Runck, District Manager; Jane Sikes, Resource Specialist; Aaron Crowley, NRCS; Josh Schmidt, Pheasants Forever.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the March 18, 2026 meeting was reviewed. Their moved to approve the agenda. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Dekam and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the February 18, 2026, meeting was reviewed. Nelsen moved to approve the minutes as presented. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Dekam, and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for February 2026. Their moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$52,567.27. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Dekam, and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

SWCD Tree Cost Share

SWCD-T-09	\$762.12
SWCD-T-10	\$274.12
SWCD-T-11	\$1817.56
SWCD-T-12	\$3080.52
SWCD-T-13	\$180.69
SWCD-T-14	\$469.66
SWCD-T-15	\$2015.86
SWCD-T-16	\$2655.66
SWCD-T-17	\$5041.61
SWCD-T-18	\$1741.64

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

MRWP FY24- Payment

FY24-MRWP-233 Hulstein Pipestone \$15525.41

Darling moved to approve the above contracts for payment for MRWP FY24. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Nelsen, and Dekam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY24-MRWP-254 Schulze Dairy Pipestone WWY \$33975.00

FY24-MRWP-254A Schulze Dairy Pipestone CC w/WWY \$10000.00

Their moved to approve the above contracts for MRWP FY24 cost share. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Nelsen, and Dekam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT:

- current projects and upcoming projects.
- Federal grant open for wellhead area, Aaron M applied for funding.

ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT: Etsinger updated the board on

- MRWP Funding request submitted – redid workplan and goals to align with plan
- Updated MRWP Policy for 2026 funds
- FY22 paid out the last 10%
- FY24 MRWP Financial Reconciliation next week
- Updated O&O contract
- Worked with Scott & Josh to update the Summit Lake contract and bid proposal
- Finalized KLR Newsletter
- Admin Training meeting

RESOURCE SPECIALIST REPORT:

- Sikes reported on the tree season so far.
- Upcoming trainings
- Site Visits
- Environmental Fair

FARMBILL BIOLOGIST REPORT:

- Gave presentations at pheasant fest and helped at the landowner help desk

- CRP opened so I handled outreach and coordinated getting signatures. Did 54 status reviews to make sure expiring contracts still met eligibility criteria
- 1 CREP application submitted
- 7 new CRP contracts totaling around 240 acres
- Giving presentation about Mid-contract Management March 26th
- Finished interviews for summer internship
- Putting together a mid management day in march.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST:

- Working on getting EQIP applications ranked and scored. That is due Friday the March 20th
- 40 applications will get ranked: 29-Cropland, 5-Feedlot site assessments, 4-feedlot fixes, 2-Basin Projects
- Attending more Regenerative Pilot program trainings. The EQIP portion of that program is needs to be ranked by April 10

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS: none

OLD BUSINESS

SUMMINT LAKE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT: Discussed grazing, its not part of our plan, decided to keep it non grazed. Discussed the large trees around the basin area that were in existence at the time the plan was created, those will be left at the basin the rest removed. Reviewed updated bid proposal, ready to post for bidding.

O&O Contract: Went over the signed contract with the board and the board chair signed off on it as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Credit Card: Their moved to approve a credit card for Jane. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Nelsen, and Dekam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Local Work Group: Discussed having it with the surrounding SWCDs like last year, board was ok with it.

Server Quote: Discussed the current server and that it is at end of life, reviewed quote for new one. Darling moved to order the new server. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Nelsen, and Dekam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2026, at 7:30 a.m.

ADJOURN 8:10 a.m.

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