

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
September 21, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held September 21, 2022, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Paul Langseth. Present were Lynn Darling, Rick Nelsen, Jess DeKam, Nathan Their, and Paul Langseth. Also, present were Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative Coordinator; Scott Runck, District Manager; Will Gallman, Wildlife Biologist II; and Bob Demuth, County Commissioner.

**AGENDA:** The Agenda for the September 21, meeting was reviewed. Darling moved to approve the agenda as presented. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth, Their, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MINUTES:** The minutes for the August 17, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Nelsen moved to approve the minutes as presented. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth, Their, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** The Treasurer’s Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for September 2022. Nelsen moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$48,190.07 respectively. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth, Their, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:**

**MRWP: FY22**

FY22-MRWP-25-Lorang	Pipestone	WWY	90%	\$57181.31
FY22-MRWP-24-Bos	Rock	Cover Crop		\$9423.00

Nelsen moved to approve the above Waterway contracts, pending the JPB decision for the amounts listed. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth, Their, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Darling moved to approve the above Cover Crop contracts for the amounts listed. Thier seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth, Their, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MRWP: FY20 Payment**

FY20-MRWP-57-Arens	Pipestone	WWY	90%	\$21,456.15
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Their moved to pay the above voucher for \$21,456.15. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth, Their, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MRWP: FY20 – Contracts**

FY20-MRWP-60-Hamilton B	Nobles	WSCB	75%	\$29,607.03
FY20-MRWP-61-Hamilton C	Nobles	WSCB	75%	\$13,174.97

Nelsen moved to approve the above contracts for the amounts listed. Thier seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth, Their, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**2020 Local Capacity:**

FY20-MRWP-60-Hamilton B	Hamilton Trust B	WSCB	75%	\$8,479.26
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Their moved to approve the above contract for the amount listed. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth, Their, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**2021 Local Capacity:**

FY20-MRWP-61-Hamilton C      Hamilton Trust C      WSCB   75%      \$9,376.06

Darling moved to approve the above contract for the amount listed. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth, Their, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**District Manager Report** – Runck updated the board with current projects. Drills need work, the board said to go ahead and get them fixed. Also, the survey equipment is 10yrs old and needs to be upgraded. Lynn moved to get equipment upgraded capping out the expense of \$8,000.00. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth, Their, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist Report:** Finished up CSP contracts. Status reviews for CRP due in 2024. CREP easement in Lismore should get sign off from BWSR. Wetland restoration contracts due next week.

**District Conservationist Report** – none**Watershed Districts and Other Reports** –

**O&O:** Langseth reported that they are still working on the Crailshim pond project, \$970,000 total. Also, will be doing the 5<sup>th</sup> grade area wetland tours with the SWCD. Maxed the levy for O & O.

**County:** Bob Demuth reported that Nobles will have a 14% increase on the levy. County costs 18 million to run, 9 million is the levy rest is in the form of fees. Property values are increasing, but taxes are not.

**Old Business:** Tech position- if we find someone, we can offer the position, special meeting if needed.

**New Business:**

**SWCD 2021 Audit:** Etsinger reported it is wrapping up and will be presented at the October meeting.

**MRWP FY20 Audit:** Etsinger reported this is done, everything checked out great, one training point was brought up.

**Local Capacity – P23-2492** – The board reviewed the grant amounts. Darling moved to accept the Local Capacity grant P23-2492. DeKam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth, Their, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**Buffer Law – P23-2582:** The board reviewed the grant for the upcoming buffer law. Rick moved to approve the grant P23-2582. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Langseth, Their, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**General Fund Soil Health Grant:** This is a Piolet grant for 14,175.00 to be used for soil health related projects.

Summit Lake: Bee lab of UofM north part of the food plot want to extend it for another year. Board agreed to it. Burn both areas if we can get a burn in. Rick sprayed out there last week for weeds.

**Calendar of Events:**

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am

**ADJOURN:** August 17, 2022 at 8:50 a.m.

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Secretary