

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
March 16, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held March 16, 2022, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Paul Langseth. Present were Lynn Darling, Rick Nelsen, Nathan Thier, and Paul Langseth. Also, present were John Shea, District Manager; Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative Assistant; Scott Runck, District Technician; Nathan Blankers, NRCS; Cheryl Heard, NRCS; Bob Demuth; and Jess DeKam.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the March 16, meeting was reviewed. Darling moved to approve the agenda as presented. Thier seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the February 16th, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Darling moved to approve the minutes as presented. Thier seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for January 2022. Nelsen moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$28,883.48 respectively. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

MRWP:

FY20-MRWP-33-Rabenberg	Merle Rabenberg	Nobles	WASCB	\$21,114.41
FY20-MRWP-35-Harper	Marlys Harper	Nobles	WASCB	\$22,739.63
FY20-MRWP-36-Rabenberg	Don Rabenberg	Nobles	WASCB	\$24,358.59

They moved to approve the above payments for MRWP and to have the manager sign off on the vouchers. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY20-MRWP-46-Reese	Marjorie Reese	Nobles	WWY	\$64,391.49
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They moved to approve the amendment for Reese project above in the amount of \$64,391.49. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY20-MRWP-57-Arens	Marlene Arens	Pipestone	WWY	90%	\$23,065.56
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Nelsen moved to approve the contract for Marlene Arens at 90% cost share in the amount of \$23,065.56. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

District Manager Report – Shea updated the board about the 2022 Platt Book advertising cost. \$320.00 for the ad. Darling moved to have the ad again this year in the platt book. They seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

District Technician Report – Runck reported that tree sales have picked up. About 5000 sold, 10 cost share contracts, and seed sales are slow at the moment.

District Conservationist Report – Blankers reported that they completed the EQIP ranking and assessments by March 4th deadline. Nobles County has 8 CSP applications in the classic signup that screened High that we will be assessing and ranking. We have been doing CRP seed checkouts and getting modification to midterm management and contract ownership changes. There has been a few more 1026s coming in with the warmer weather and we have been getting

determinations back from Marshall in a timely matter. Paul Spartz is back in the office as of March 7th. Aaron and Nathan went to the Agronomy meeting in Pipestone and Regenerative Ag meeting in Ivanhoe. The Regenerative Ag meeting in Ivanhoe was an eye opener, feel like we need to do more. Dr. Lungren made some very good points on how insecticide is not needed and very damaging to the environment. Following Dr. Lungren were two producers, husband/wife, Grant and Dawn talked about many good soil health practices they were able to put in place on their farm (no-till, cover crops, limited pesticides, later caving dates turned into less of a vet bill). Will we do a Local Work Group Meeting? Cheryl briefly discussed Civil Rights and got the signatures from the board.

Watershed Districts and Other Reports – O & O proposed projects with the school for ponds, needs DNR approval. They are making progress. About 43 semi loads a year of sediment contained a year.

Old Business
MRWP-

Des Moines 1W1P – March 17th Policy meeting. Discussions on Joint Powers Board or a Joint powers agreement and how to function when the planning is complete.

Supervisor Vacancy – Jess DeKam will be taking over Jim Knips spot on the Nobles SWCD Board.

Legislative Days – Staff and 2 Board members went to this. Very informative, the senator and State Reps were very perceptive to our thoughts on the budget.

SWAG Grant – Shea notified the board that it is signed and ready to go. MPCA the first or second week of April. Sampling will be 2 or 3 times a month. There are 5 streams and 3 lakes.

New Business:

Summit Lake – Discussed doing a controlled burn as its been over 5 yrs. See if DNR will help or hire fire department to help. Gallman mention doing it in sections or portions would be beneficial for nesting grounds. Also request a seed quote.

Local Work Group: New requirements – we don't need to get everyone together due to MRWP & Des Moines, or we could host another meeting. It was decided to host a meeting, April 20th at the Firehall.

Calendar of Events:

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for April 20th at 7:30am

ADJOURN: March 16th , at 8:28 am

Secretary