

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
May 17, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held May 17, 2023, beginning at 7:32 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Rick Nelsen. Present were Lynn Darling, Nathan Their, Rick Nelson, and Paul Langseth. Also, present were Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative Coordinator; Scott Runck, District Manager; and Nathan Schuck, Resource Specialist.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the May 17, 2023, meeting was reviewed. Darling moved to approve the agenda as presented. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and Dekam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the April 19, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the minutes as presented. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and Delam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for April 2023. Langseth moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$42,410.56 respectively. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and Dekam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

MRWP FY22 New Contracts:

FY22-MRWP-54	Pipestone	WWY & PCC	90%	\$14,846.10
FY22-MRWP-55	Pipestone	WWY & PCC	90%	\$8,221.53
FY22-MRWP-56	Pipestone	WWY & PCC	90%	\$12,847.05
FY22-MRWP-57	Nobles	WWY & WSCB	90%	\$35,337.06
FY22-MRWP-58	Pipestone	WWY	90%	\$10,469.25
FY22-MRWP-59	Pipestone	WSCB	90%	\$45,450.00

Darling moved to approve the above contracts. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam, and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: none

District Manager Report – Runck reported Drill has been very busy during planting season. Briefly reviewed buffer compliance. About 14 parcels still working on getting in compliance, by June 1 they need to be installed or a penalty. 4 or 5 are not willing to install buffer to compliance.

District Technician Report: Schuck reported trees delivered early May and pick up day was May 5th. Also been doing swag water sampling. Tree total Ordered: \$18,873.43 for 6,600 trees. Matting was \$6111.60, for a total of \$24,985.08 in tree expenses. We had 62 people order trees, 20 plantings, 4 done so far.

District Conservationist Report – Nathan reported they have been working on EQIP modifications and preapproved contracts. They have been going to the field and documenting reduced tillage in both CSP and EQIP contracts. They finished interviewing CSP applications that screened high. Now we are working on assessing and ranking the applications that screened high. We had two EQIP applications move to preapproved that we are trying to get obligated.

Watershed Districts and Other Reports –

O&O: Langseth updated the board that May 2nd they held the meeting 3 manager attended. Reviewed Crailsheim project details, engineer report goes to school board in July. Building a basin for sediment. Appointed new advisory committee members. Working on a burn for St. Johns and Bella. Working with Sandtech to get kits for algae bloom sampling.

KLR: Their reported they met last month, it was quick meeting approved some contracts, some tree contracts, and conservation use contracts. In the next newsletter, add insert about upkeep on terraces and waterways.

Heron Lake Watershed: Runck reported a couple of groups that are trying to get on the agenda to do water sampling. Special committee meeting to address this. Scott will be on that board.

Old Business:

- a. **Trees:** Schuck went over this in his report
- b. **Summit Lake** – We did a burn on the south half of the site the last week of April. Looks good, a lot of volunteer trees were out there. The neighbor took out the fencing on the east side of the site. Also drained out the south side, opened the gate early May. It is starting to green up already.

New Business: none

Calendar of Events:

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2023, at 7:30am

ADJOURN: May 17, 2023, at 7:32 a.m.

Secretary