

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
June 15, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held June 15, 2022, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Paul Langseth. Present were Lynn Darling, Rick Nelsen, Nathan Their, Jess DeKam, and Paul Langseth. Also, present were Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative Assistant; Scott Runck, District Technician; Nathan Blankers, NRCS; Will Gallman, Wildlife Biologist II.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the June 15, meeting was reviewed. Nelsen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Thier seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the May 18th, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Darling moved to approve the minutes as presented. Thier seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for May 2022. Darling moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$129,271.39 respectively. Nelson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

MRWP:

FY20-MRWP-34-Harper	WWY	Nobles	\$14,251.90
FY20-MRWP-32-Rabenberg	WWY	Nobles	\$9,591.37
FY20-MRWP-36-Rabenberg	WSCB	Nobles	\$24,358.59
FY20-MRWP-33-Rabenberg	WSCB	Nobles	\$21,114.41

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

2020 State Cost Share:

FY20-01-Schwab	WWY	Nobles	\$4721.40
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Nelson moved to approve the above contract payment for the amount listed. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2021 State Cost Share:

FY21-02-Remmers	WWY	Nobles	\$3,013.92
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Thier moved to approve the above contract payment for the amount listed. DeKam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

SWCD Tree Cost Share:

FY22-13	Deutsch	Shelterbelt	\$420.71
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Darling moved to approve the above contract payment for the amount listed. Nelson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

District Manager Report – Runck reported business as usual, 3 plantings left, and matting to do yet. Focusing on CRP at the end of the month. Water sampling has been busy three are due in June.

District Technician Report – none

District Conservationist Report – Nathan reported that he and Aaron are working on CSP. Still working on getting two applications approved and developing them into contracts. Also working on EQIP payments as well for CNMPs, waterway, 345 and 329. As well as working on modifications. It's been busy with 1026s as well. Quite a bit of new breakings in the county this year. The documents were put together for the 2022 compliance review. Nathan also went to prescribed burning training at Camp Ripley; he will get some JAA for it as well. RCPP would be another pot of money that producers with MN Ag Water Certification could get practices funded.

Watershed Districts and Other Reports –

O&O: Langseth updated us that they discussed the school project, possibly a pond will be needed behind the new school. They also discussed the carp in Okabena and moving to a net capture program to get a population count from tagged fish. They board would also like to meet Scott.

Des Moines River: Langseth reported business as usual at the last policy meeting. Financial services offered and would be taken under advisement. Etsinger reported Nobles SWCD most likely will not have enough staff, and time to take on the financial side of the Des Moines project.

Area 5 meeting will be tomorrow June 16th

Old Business

Des Moines 1W1P – Business as usual

New Business:

Tech Position: The personal committee held interviews and selected a candidate. The board agreed with the selection, as well as starting pay for the top candidate.

Nelson moved to offer the district tech position to the top candidate. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

While discussing the pay for the new technician, the pay for the District manager was brought up. The board discussed what Scott's pay should be as the new District Manager, they discussed \$31.47, based on the PayScale 14-2 level.

Darling moved to increase Scott's pay to \$31.47 for the District Manager role. Nelson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CREP OUTREACH: Etsinger reviewed with the board the workplan for the 2023 CREP Outreach grant and the funding. The board agreed with the workplan, and for the chair to sign the agreement.

Darling moved to accept the workplan and the 2023 CREP Outreach grant. Nelson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Nelsen, DeKam and Thier. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Calendar of Events:

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

ADJOURN: June 15th, 8:54am

Secretary