

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
February 19, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held February 19, 2025, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Lynn Darling. Present were Lynn Darling, Nathan Their, Rick Nelsen, Jess Dekam, and Paul Langseth. Also present were Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative & Finance Coordinator; Scott Runck, District Manager; Nathan Schuck, Resource Specialist; Aaron Crowley, NRCS; Josh Schmidt, Pheasants Forever; Gene Metz, Commissioner.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the February 19, 2025 meeting was reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the agenda. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the January 15, 2025, meeting was reviewed. Their moved to approve the minutes as presented. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for February 2025. Langseth moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$251,841.51. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

SWCD Cost Share

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| SWCD-T-01 | Schuck | Shelterbelt | \$933.26 |
| SWCD-T-02 | Wietzema | Shelterbelt | \$3226.82 |
| SWCD-T-03 | Reisdorfer | Shelterbelt | \$982.39 |
| SWCD-T-04 | Schroeder | Shelterbelt | \$2066.22 |
| SWCD-T-05 | Tweet | Shelterbelt | \$3343.79 |

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

FY24-MRWP -Education Outreach

Lincoln County asked for \$500 to help with the Soil Health Tour. Their approved the request for \$500. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: NACD letter to all SWCD was given to each board member.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: Runck updated the board about current projects and upcoming projects

ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT- Etsinger updated the board on grant reporting, 1099 filings, W2 filings, the new paid leave updates, updated policies for both KLR & SWCD, AgBMP work plan submitted, websites updated for both companies.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT: Schuck reported on the tree season so far and cover crop plans.

FARMBILL BIOLOGIST REPORT: Schmidt reported CRP waiting for funds, going to trainings for burnings.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: Aaron updated the board with the status of CSP, and trainings he has attended.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS: Langseth reported on Ocheda and Okabena watershed Crailsheim project.

KLR- Updated tree policy to match the SWCD, and increased the budget for trees to 30,000.00.

County: Gene Metz updated the board about drainage conference. One ditch project the DNR to come back to review.

OLD BUSINESS

Drill Cost Share Policy: Staff and board reviewed new policy. Langseth moved to approve the drill cost share policy. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Pheasants Forever Auction Trees: We will auction 300 trees, 150 will be donated by the SWCD 150 will be donated by the PF. Langseth moved to donate trees. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Legislative Days: The board discussed who would be going. Three board members and 2 staff. Two per diems for the board, and expenses. Their moved to approve the board per diems and expenses and staff to attend. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2025 Billable Rates: The board reviewed the billable rates for 2025. Langseth approved the rates for 2025. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Federal Soil Health Grant Request. Discussed this upcoming grant and if we wanted to be a part of it. Nelsen moved to apply for the grant. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

PRAP Updates: Etsinger reviewed with the board the status of the prap for Nobles, KLR, and the MRWP.

2025 Annual Plan: Etsinger went over the plan and asked the board for input. The board will review current plan and bring to next meeting to discuss.

Data Practice Policy: Etsinger went over the change with the policy. Langseth moved to approved the policy. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2025, at 7:30 a.m.

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Secretary