

Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
July 15th, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held July 15th, 2026, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jess Dekam. Present were Lynn Darling, Nathan Their, Paul Langseth, Jess Dekam and Rick Nelsen. Also present were Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative & Finance Coordinator; Scott Runck, District Manager; Jane Sikes, Resource Specialist; Aaron Crowley, NRCS; Gene Metz, County Commissioner; Josh Schmidt, Pheasants Forever; and Drew Arteman, Conservation Delivery Intern.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the July 15, 2026, meeting was reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the agenda. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Langseth, Dekam and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the June 17, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Darling moved to approve the minutes as presented. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Langseth, Dekam and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for June 2026. Langseth moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$68,011.59. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Langseth, Dekam and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

MRWP FY26

Non-Structural

FY26-MRWP-089	Circle F Farms	Rock	CC	\$15,000.00
FY26-MRWP-089-2	Circle F Farms	Rock	CC	\$15,000.00
Fy26-MRWP-090	Circle F Farms	Rock	ST/NT	\$15,000.00
FY26-MRWP-090-2	Circle F Farms	Rock	ST/NT	\$15,000.00
FY26-MRWP-206	Blake Crawford	Rock	CC	\$15,000.00
FY26-MRWP-206-2	Blake Crawford	Rock	CC	\$15,000.00
FY26-MRWP-316	Nathan Pierson	Pipestone	CC	\$9,345.00
FY26-MRWP-316-2	Nathan Pierson	Pipestone	CC	\$9,345.00
FY26-MRWP-339	Terry Hoogland	Rock	CC	\$15,000.00

FY26-MRWP-339-2	Terry Hoogland	Rock	CC	\$15,000.00
FY26-MRWP-341	Vis Family Farms	Pipestone	CC	\$10,710.00
FY26-MRWP-341-2	Vis Family Farms	Pipestone	CC	\$10,710.00
FY26-MRWP-342	Levi VanderWoode	Pipestone	CC	\$2,544.00
FY26-MRWP-342-2	Levi VanderWoode	Pipestone	CC	\$2,544.00
FY26-MRWP-343	Levi VanderWoode	Pipestone	CC	\$2,320.00
FY26-MRWP-343-2	Levi VanderWoode	Pipestone	CC	\$2,320.00
FY26-MRWP-346	Merle Zeinstra	Pipestone	CC	\$15,000.00
FY26-MRWP-346-2	Merle Zeinstra	Pipestone	CC	\$15,000.00

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

Structural:

FY26-MRWP-323	Todd Schwebach	Nobles	WSCB 65%	\$41,633.02
FY26-MRWP-392	Janel Dorn	Nobles	WSCB 65%	\$31,647.38

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

FY26-MRWP-323	Pat Dorn	Nobles	WSCB 65%	\$64,253.78
FY26-MRWP-391	Kevin DeBoer	Nobles	WWY 90%	\$65,633.79

Nelsen moved to approve the above contracts for MRWP funding pending JPB approval. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Nelsen, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MRWP FY24

FY26-MRWP-254	Schultz Dairy	WWY Pipestone	\$29,249.32
FY24-MRWP-47	Dennis Jacobs	WWY Nobles	\$2,721.07

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

2025 Soil Health:

FY25-SH-03	Century Grain/Cody Bullerman	No/Strip Tillage	\$6,667.00
FY25-SH-05	Michael Hoffman	No/Strip Tillage	\$6,667.00
FY25-SH-07	Erik Brink	No/Strip Tillage	\$4,680.00
FY25-SH-09	Merle Elsing	No/Strip Tillage	\$14,000.00
FY25-SH-11	Tim Bents	No/Strip Tillage	\$6,667.00
FY25-SH-13	tucker madison	No/Strip Tillage	\$3,420.00

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

SWCD Tree Cost Share:

SWCD-T-01	David Kanton	Shelterbelt	913.47
SWCD-T-02	Kevin Schaefer	Shelterbelt	\$3,224.13
SWCD-T-04	Russell Folkers	Ash Replacement	\$738.27
SWCD-T-05	Lance Rogers	Shelterbelt	\$1,045.98
SWCD-T-06	Vickie Kuipers	Shelterbelt	\$957.41
SWCD-T-07	Richard Smith	Shelterbelt	\$2,707.31
SWCD-T-08	Barb & Jimmy Drown	Shelterbelt	\$2,844.90
SWCD-T-09	Rodney Smit	Shelterbelt	\$762.12
SWCD-T-10	Loren Degroot	Shelterbelt	\$271.88
SWCD-T-11	Rick Nelson	Shelterbelt	\$1,766.93
SWCD-T-12	Russell Obermoller	Ash Replacement	\$2,423.38
SWCD-T-13	Gary Wagley	Shelterbelt	\$199.50
SWCD-T-14	Jesse Soules	Ash Replacement	\$469.66
SWCD-T-15	John Standafer	Shelterbelt	\$2,015.86
SWCD-T-17	Hannah Anderson	Shelterbelt	\$4,407.77

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

CORRESPONDENCE: none

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT:

- Reading Joint application for Sewer project
- Heron Lake Advisory Committee, admin left and is working part time for now.
- TSA – Prevailing wage still discussions and issues.

ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT: Etsinger updated the board on

- ADA Website research/Streamline possibility
- KLR Audit review Starting Nobles Audit
- KLR budget for 2027
- KLR Website updating

RESOURCE SPECIALIST REPORT:

- Buffer checks
- Well monitoring & entry
- Water sampling

FARMBILL BIOLOGIST REPORT:

- Continue CRP site visits, RIM site inspection, and WRP inspections
- Submit 4 RIM applications
- Start writing CRP conservation plans
- Attend various trainings

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST:

- Nobles county had applications preapproved in the last week of June.
 - 1-EQIP Farmstead
 - 1-EQIP Cropland
- Finishing up 2 preapproved EQIP applications for obligation

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

Area 5: Dawson Pollinators & Natives. Rhyen went over the grant and what to do and how to get it started. We toured one of the big plots.

TSA & MCIT: Prevailing wage, still ongoing. Reviewed Risk Management webinar & HR trainings.

O&O: Crailsheim project is moving forward tile has been located, now it with the DNR for final approval. Currently 5-6ft of clarity in Lake Okabena until July now lots of algae. Currently trying to grow the Facebook following & website.

County: Received money from the state for invasive species on the lakes, keep boats clean. Reading sewer project, MPCA might have potential finding for this project.

OLD BUSINESS

Website: still looking at other companies to see what will fit us the best. PDF's have until 2027.

NEW BUSINESS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2026, at 7:30 a.m.

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