

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
April 17, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held April 17, 2024, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Nathan Their. Present were Lynn Darling, Jess DeKam, Nathan Their, Rick Nelson, and Paul Langseth. Also, present were Tiffini Etsinger, Finance & Administrative Coordinator; Scott Runck, District Manager; Nathan Schuck, Resource Specialist; Gene Metz, Nobles Commissioner; and Aaron Crowley, NRCS.

**AGENDA:** The Agenda for the April 17, 2024, meeting was reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the agenda as presented. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MINUTES:** The minutes for the March 20, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Darling moved to approve the minutes as presented. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** The Treasurer’s Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for March 2024. Langseth moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$22,902.82 respectively. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:**

**NEW CONTRACTS**

**FY24-MRWP Contracts:**

<b>FY24-MRWP-06</b>	<b>Dennis Johnson</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>Cover Crop</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>\$49,920.00</b>
<b>FY24-MRWP-07</b>	<b>Wes Dekam</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>Cover Crop</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
<b>FY24-MRWP-08</b>	<b>Wes Dekam</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>Strip Till-No Till</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
<b>FY24-MRWP-09</b>	<b>Kevin Zylstra</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>Cover Crop</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>\$28,800.00</b>

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

**FY24-MRWP Contracts:**

<b>FY24-MRWP-03</b>	<b>Mark Gath</b>	<b>Rock</b>	<b>WSCB</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>\$122,726.88 *</b>
<b>FY24-MRWP-04</b>	<b>Todd Matus</b>	<b>Rock</b>	<b>WSCB</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>\$39,403.80</b>
<b>FY24-MRWP-05</b>	<b>Mark Gath</b>	<b>Rock</b>	<b>WWY</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>\$36,084.69</b>

Darling moved to approve the above contracts for MRWP. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried. \*Pending Joint powers approval for FY24-MRWP-03.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**District Manager Report** – Runck updated the board with current projects. Went over the MRWP. Notified Board on the Conservation Agronomist Position, possible grant and potential candidates.

**Resource Specialist Report-** Schuck reported on the current tree orders and plans. Tree pick up day is this Friday.

**District Conservationist Report** – Aaron reported they are working on CSP reviews and ranking them.

**Farmbill Biologist Report-** Currently working on CRP plans and helping out Yellow Med. One CREP plan was approved. Also attending S290 Fire Classes.

**Watershed Districts and Other Reports –**

**O&O:** Langseth updated the Board on Crailsheim. The damn that was engineered to hold water back is to high, need to lower the damn height, project is delayed. Also the dumpsters have been placed by whiskey ditch for people to dispose of carp while carp bow hunting.

**MRWP JPB:** The board approved FY22 Grant Amendment to move funds in the workplan and extend the grant. MRWP will for a grant to re do the workplan/overall plan. Also approved Nobles SWCD as Admin for another 3 yrs.

**Summit Lake:** A burn needs to be done, we will do it ourselves. A third this year and a third next year north half of field.

**KLR:** Metz talked about the well head area. City of Adrian applied for a grant to help get land into biofilters around the well heads. Nobles has been doing a good job balancing funds between Nobles/KLR/MRWP.

**Des Moines:** Nelsen said they applied for the next 40% of funds for the grant. Looking into if a solar field can put cover crop in, how would it work.

**County:** Metz said he will be sitting in for Demuth for the Nobles SWCD meetings. County projects with the ditches are going well. Reker will be the new Utility Director and Loretta will be the new ditch inspector. The City is dealing with the new laws and regulations regarding cannabis. Lismore telephone will hopefully be providing fiber to Nobles County. Nobles received 4 million from the reconnect grant to help connect everyone.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Tree Pick up:** Tree pick up is Set for Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>

**Arbor Day:** Etsinger will be doing Arbor Day presentations Tuesday – Thursday April 23-25<sup>th</sup> at the local schools.

**2024 Platt Book:** Etsinger discussed the upcoming platt book and if we would like to advertise in it. Langseth moved to place an ad in the 2024 Platt book for Nobles County. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**FY22 MRWP Halfway Point Reconciliation.** Etsinger updated the board on the Reconciliation. Nothing major a few training areas. When a new person is hired at an SWCD and will be working on MRWP items Etsinger will spend time at the SWCD going over how everything will be entered, what files to use and what items have to be included in order to eliminate future issues.

**Calendar of Events:**

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, at 7:30am

**ADJOURN:** April 17, 2024, at 8:37 a.m.

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Secretary