

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
January 18, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held January 18, 2023, beginning at 7:32 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Paul Langseth. Present were Lynn Darling, Nathan Their, Rick Nelsen, Jess Dekam, and Paul Langseth. Also present were Tiffini Etsinger, Administrative Assistant; Scott Runck, District Manager; Nathan Schuck, Resource Specialist; Nathan Blankers, NRCS; and Bob Demuth, Commissioner.

ELECTION OF 2023 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR: The board discussed how elections were handled in the past.

Darling moved to make a unanimous ballot and elect all offices as presented. Dekam seconded the motion.

2023 Offices

Chairman – Rick Nelsen
Vice-Chairman – Nathan Their
Secretary – Lynn Darling
Treasurer – Jess Dekam
PR & I – Paul Langseth

Newly elected Chair, Rick Nelsen, took over as Chair.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the January 18, 2023 meeting was reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the agenda. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the December 21, 2022, meeting was reviewed. Nelsen moved to approve the minutes as presented. Darling 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 January 2023. Langseth moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$417,172.15. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

FY22-MRWP

FY22-MRWP-33-Griebel	Tom Griebel	90%	WWY	\$25,853.85
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FY22-MRWP-34-VanderPoel	Doug VanderPoel	90%	WWY	\$30,751.38
FY22-MRWP-35-Fey	Reginald Fey	Cover Crop		\$10,000.00

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Etsinger shared the Pheasants forever sponsorship. Langseth moved to approve the \$300 sponsorship. Dekam seconded the motion. While discussing the sponsorship the discussed donating trees again this year for the banquet. Darling moved to donate trees; Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: Runck updated the board about the drill quotes. Went over projects and plans for the upcoming month.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT: Schuck reported on the tree season so far.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: Nathan updated the board with the status of CSP, and trainings him and Aaron have attended.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS: Langseth reported on Ocheda and Okabena watershed they did get the grant for the Crailsheim pond. Also went over the budget and annual plan.

Bob reported the work group in December with the SWCD went well. The county found value in it. January 10th meeting was all of the year end protocols. They elected the new Chair, Bob Demuth.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

2023 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES – Etsinger presented the board with the current committees list.

Langseth moved to keep the committees as listed. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Personal Committee:	Jess Dekam, Nathan Thier
Budget Committee:	Paul Langseth, Rick Nelsen
MRWP Committee:	Paul Langseth, Alternate: Nathan Thier
Des Moines 1W1P Committee:	Rick Nelsen, Alternate: Paul Langseth
Summit Lake 11 Committee:	Lynn Darling, Rick Nelsen

JPO: Paul Langseth (alternate: Jess Dekam)	JPB/KLR: Lynn Darling
OOWD: Paul Langseth	KLRWD: Nathan Their

HLWD: Rick Nelsen

2023 MEETING SCHEDULE – A schedule was presented to the board for the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 a.m.

Langseth moved to approve the schedule as presented. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam, and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR COMPENSATION RATE – Darling moved to keep the compensation rate at \$125.00 per diem. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER – Langseth moved to keep the Daily Globe as the Official Newspaper. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES – Langseth moved to designate First State Bank Southwest as the official depository of Nobles SWCD. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

DESIGNATE CHECK SIGNING AUTHORITY – Langseth moved to keep check signing authority as Etsinger, Runck, and the board members, Dekam needs to be added. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

IRS RATE – Langseth moved to accept the IRS rate for the SWCD mileage. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

HANDBOOK- Langseth will review the handbook and will discuss at the next meeting.

ARBOR DAY –Darling moved to provide trees to the 2nd grade students in Worthington and RLB. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

SIGNING AUTHORITY-FINANCIAL REPORTS – Darling moved to designate the District Manager and Admin Assistant as signing authority on Financial Reports. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

SIGNING AUTHORITY – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER (TSP) – Darling moved to designate the District Manager as TSP signing authority. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE MAILING – Reminder for the board to complete this online.

MASWCD LEGISLATIVE DAYS: Etsinger went over the days with the board. Langseth moved to have the District manager, Admin Assistant, and Board members attend. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

JACKSON COUNTY SOIL HEALTH: Runck discussed the tour and it stops in Heron Lake February 5th, Nobles to help fund half the cost. Langseth moved to help cover the cost. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Nelsen, Their, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2023 BILLABLE RATES: Etsinger will work on these for the upcoming year.

2023 TSA DUES: Langseth moved to approve the dues for the 2023 year. Dekam 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 February 15, 2023, at 7:30 a.m.

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Secretary