

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
November 20, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held November 20, 2024, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Nathan Their. Present were Lynn Darling, Nathan Their, Rick Nelson, Jess Dekam, 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 November 20, 2024, meeting was reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the agenda as presented. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the October 16, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Darling moved to approve the minutes as presented. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report and Bills Payable was presented and reviewed for October 2024. Nelsen moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$30697.76 respectively. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

Amendments

FY22-MRWP-85 Korey Meester Install by date extended to 12/31/2025

Darling moved to approve the amendment for a date extension for the above contract. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY22-MRWP-100 Jessa Wolter approved amount from \$17024.54 to \$24,346.81

Langseth moved to approve the above amendment for an increased contract amount of \$24,346.81. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY24 Payments

FY24-MRWP Structural Payments:

FY24-MRWP-44	Binford Farms	WWY	Rock	\$23,929.79
FY24-MRWP-11	Steve Vis	WWY	Rock	\$4,983.93
FY24-MRWP-26	Dean Gilman	WSCB	Pipestone	\$4,233.24

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

FY24-MRWP Non-Structural Payments

FY24-MRWP-45	Binford Farms	Cover Crop	Rock	\$10,000.00
FY24-MRWP-28	Greg Hannenberg	Cover Crop	Pipestone	\$12,240.00
FY24-MRWP-12	Steve Vis	Cover Crop	Rock	\$10,000.00
FY24-MRWP-17	Darell Van Meeteren	Strip till	Rock	\$47,700.00

FY24-MRWP-46	Seth Christensen	Strip till	Pipestone	\$9,000.00
FY24-MRWP-20	Brian Bergman	Strip till	Rock	\$50,000.00

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

FY22-MRWP Extra Fund Payments:

FY22-MRWP-103	Jared Pap	Cover Crop	Rock	\$50,000.00
FY22-MRWP-98	Lyman Paulson	Cover Crop	Pipestone	\$42,840.0
FY22-MRWP-91	Brad Petersen	Cover Crop	Rock	\$19,440.00
FY22-MRWP-92	Brian Bergman	Cover Crop	Rock	\$50,000.00
FY22-MRWP-102	Seth Christensen	Cover Crop	Pipestone	\$9,000.00

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

FY22-MRWP Structural Payments:

FY22-MRWP-79	Jeff Boomgaarden	WWY	Rock	\$18,753.48
FY22-MRWP-100	Jessa Wolter	WWY	Nobles	\$24,346.81

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

District Manager Report – Runck updated the board on the Adrian Wellhead plan. Also about the MPCA regulation changes.

Resource Specialist Report- Schuck reported on the tree orders, tile permits, and the current tree plans.

District Conservationist Report – Crowley reported on 4 CSP renewal contracts getting accepted. Finishing up creating CSP renewal contracts. Getting ready for EQIP signup and catching up on 1026 workload.

Watershed Districts and Other Reports –

O&O: Langseth updated the Board about the Crailsheim project. Also Mahlberg replaced Milbrandt on the board.

County: Metz updated the board on a potential solar farm coming to the area.

Old Business:

Drill Storage: Runck updated the board that the extra building for the drills would be \$450 a month to rent the 4H Plaza.

Langseth moved to rent the additional space. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

PF Position: Runck notified the board that the position was reposted, interviews were done, and an individual was offered the position. The start date will be December 9th.

New Business:

SWCD/MRWP Cost Chare Policy: The board and staff discussed payment payouts for MRWP Strip till/No till projects. They would like it to be written into the MRWP policy that payments for the strip till/no till be made in the spring after the initial planting season. Staffed agreed and will bring to the MRWP JPB for approval.

SWCD Tree Cost Share Policy: Staff discussed with the board about increasing the amount of cost share available. The board agreed to up to 75% of the total projects meeting NRCS standards, but the project must have matting installed as well to get the cost share.

Langseth moved to approve the updated policy. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

SWAG Grant: Des Moines water sampling needs to be done. If no other agencies want/can to do it Nobles SWCD staff will pick up the project.

2025 Budget: The budget was reviewed, Langseth moved to approved the budget and pay scale for 2025. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Dekam and Nelson. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Calendar of Events:

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2024, at 7:30am

ADJOURN: November 20, 2024, at 10:09 a.m.

Secretary