

**Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
June 18, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held June 18, 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; Cole Niebauer, Farmbill Biologist; and Aaron Crowley, NRCS.

**AGENDA:** The Agenda for the June 18, 2024, meeting was reviewed. Langseth moved to approve the agenda as presented. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MINUTES:** The minutes for the May 15, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Darling moved to approve the minutes as presented. Nelson 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 May 2024. Nelsen moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$65,455.03 respectively. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:**

**FY24 Non Structural Payment:**

<b>FY24-MRWP-09</b>	<b>Kevin Zylstra</b>	<b>Cover Crop</b>	<b>\$28,800.00</b>
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Langseth moved to approve the above payment. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**MRWP FY22 Payments:**

<b>FY22-MRWP-88</b>	<b>Jason &amp; Stepan Chesley</b>	<b>Rock</b>	<b>WSCB</b>	<b>\$31,955.63</b>
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<b>FY24-MRWP-01</b>	<b>Jason &amp; Stephan Chesley</b>	<b>Rock</b>	<b>WWY</b>	<b>\$21,320.90</b>
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Langseth moved to approve the above payment. Nelson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

<b>FY22-MRWP-29</b>	<b>L&amp;R Farms</b>	<b>Cover Crop</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
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<b>FY22-MRWP-48</b>	<b>Art Ehde</b>	<b>Cover Crop</b>	<b>\$8376.00</b>
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Nelson moved to approve the above payment. DeKam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**NEW CONTRACTS**

**FY22-MRWP Extra Funds: Non Structural:**

<b>FY22-MRWP-95</b>	<b>Nobles</b>	<b>Cover Crop</b>	<b>\$38,400.00</b>
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Darling moved to approve the above cover crop contracts. Langseth Seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried

**FY24-MRWP Structural Contracts:**

<b>FY24-MRWP-23</b>	<b>Vis</b>	<b>Rock</b>	<b>WSCB</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>\$32,572.13</b>
<b>FY24-MRWP-24</b>	<b>Ahrendt Acres</b>	<b>Rock</b>	<b>WWY</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>\$32,089.50</b>
<b>FY24-MRWP-25</b>	<b>Ahrendt Acres</b>	<b>Rock</b>	<b>WSCB</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>\$8,575.47</b>
<b>FY24-MRWP-26</b>	<b>Dean Gilman</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>WSCB</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>\$4,233.24</b>

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

**FY24-MRWP Non Structural Contracts:**

<b>FY24-MRWP-27</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>Strip Till/No-Till</b>	<b>\$23,520.00</b>
<b>FY24-MRWP-28</b>	<b>Pipestone</b>	<b>Cover Crop</b>	<b>\$12,240.00</b>
<b>FY24-MRWP-29</b>	<b>Nobles</b>	<b>Strip Till/No-Till</b>	<b>\$38,400.00</b>

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

**SWCD TREE Contracts**

<b>SWCD-T-01</b>	<b>Wintz</b>	<b>Shelterbelt</b>	<b>\$1000.00</b>
<b>SWCD-T-02</b>	<b>Korth</b>	<b>Shelterbelt</b>	<b>\$1000.00</b>
<b>SCDW-T-03</b>	<b>Lynn</b>	<b>Shelterbelt</b>	<b>\$1000.00</b>

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**District Manager Report** – Runck updated the board that the MRWP ½ way point grant was received. We will be working with Houston to review and update the work plan. PRAPP will be sometime in 2025.

**Resource Specialist Report-** Schuck reported on the current tree mattings and plantings left.

**District Conservationist Report** –

**Farmbill Biologist Report-** Cole Reported that his last day will be July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The intern is doing well on the site checks and the paperwork for them. They have been working on the CRP 2025 status reviews. The did about 31 RIM checks. They had two CREP applicants withdraw.

**Watershed Districts and Other Reports** –

**O&O:** Langseth updated the Board, the lake bella cameras are up and running. The Crailsheim project is still on hold due to the design, still being worked on.

**KLR:** none

**Des Moines:** none

**County:** Metz updated the board about various county projects. The county 6 bridge was pushed back due to weather. Drainage with Jackson they all applied for extensions. Currently having issues with some of the ditches, there is a lot of water. Ditch 10 in town has a lot of tree growth in it, but they cant get the equipment in the ditch to clean it out as its been to wet.

**Heron Lake:** They went over ditch Authority items. No admin or staff currently. They only had one applicant but they are unable to reach them.

**Old Business:**

**Soil Health:** We received the funds for the mentors. Jared signed a contract to be one of the mentors. Jess Dekam will also be a mentor for soil health

**New Business:**

**SWCD Local Non Structural Policy:** Nobles received \$120,000 for soil health. Nobles will adopt the MRWP rates but no incentives. The max Contract will be \$20,000.00 per person/entity. Lanseth moved to approve the rates and contact caps. Nelson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**Pheasants Forever Agreement:** The board would like to keep the current agreement with them. Nelson moved to keep the contract. Dekam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**NRCS/SWCD Volunteer:** Betty will be helping out with NRCS/SWCD. She is wanting to learn about what we do and why we do it. She is going to school for engineering and environmental sciences.

**Conference Camera/SPEAKER/Microphone:** We need something to use at meeting so remote people can hear what is happening. They are about \$1000.00

Lynn moved to purchase one for the SWCD. Nelson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

**Drill Expenses:** The staff went over what is going on with the drill and the board and staff agreed to what was needed and not needed.

**Calendar of Events:**

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

**ADJOURN:** June 18, 2024, at 9:40 a.m.

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Secretary