

Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting
June 17th, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held June 17th, 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; Zach Ruppert, NRCS; Josh Schmidt, Pheasants Forever; and Drew Arteman, Conservation Delivery Intern.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the June 17, 2026, meeting was reviewed. Darling moved to approve the agenda. Langseth seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Langseth, Dekam and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the May 20, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Langseth 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 May 2026. Their moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$142,583.46. Darling seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Langseth, Dekam and Nelsen. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

MRWP FY26

FY26-MRWP-217	Baumgard	WSCB	Jackson	\$49,069.13
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Their moved to approve the above contract for MRWP funding. Nelsen seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Nelsen, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT:

- MRWP Tech meeting
- Des Moines – changing nonstructural to percent-based contracts
- TSA – Prevailing wage still discussions and issues.

ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT: Etsinger updated the board on

- ADA Website research/Streamline possibility
- KLR Audit review
- MRWP Reporting for end of June

- Tree matting finalized & billed out

RESOURCE SPECIALIST REPORT:

- Finished planting
- Working on matting
- Buffer checks
- Well monitoring & entry
- Water sampling

FARMBILL BIOLOGIST REPORT:

- Continue CRP status reviews, RIM site inspection, and WRE monitoring
- Coordinating with landowners to get their sites prepped and natives planted
- Working on 8 easement applications to submit once a batching period opens July 1 totaling 383 acres if all were to get accepted.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST:

- Finishing up preapproved EQIP applications & CSP for obligation and contracts
- Training in Pipestone
- Filling in for Aaron while he is out

WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND OTHER REPORTS:

O&O: Working on prairie view filters, remove top layer possibly. Crailsheim project is moving forward still. Currently 5-6ft of clarity in Lake Okabena, might do well monitoring in the future to see if its Ag or city loading.

KLR: ADA compliance for website issues. Increase cost share for septic replacements.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Pheasants Forever Agreement: Discussed renewing contract for the position. Langseth moved to approve contract for 2027. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Nelsen, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Resource Specialist Position: Discussed with the board ending the probation period and increase pay to the 3% cost of living after the July 5th payroll. Langseth moved to approve ending the probation period and pay increase. Their seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Their, Nelsen, Dekam and Langseth. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2026, at 7:30 a.m.

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