

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District was held July 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 July 17, 2024, meeting was reviewed. Darling moved to approve the agenda as presented. Nelson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes for the June 18, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Nelson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Darling 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 June 2024. Darling moved to approve the reports, subject to audit, in the amount of \$129,012.80 respectively. DeKam seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

COST-SHARE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS:

MRWP FY22 Payments:

FY22-MRWP-80	Gene Halbur	Pipestone	WWY	\$8163.88
FY24-MRWP-82	Gene Halbur	Pipestone	WWY	\$12,314.36

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

FY22-MRWP-71	Jonathan Pap	Cover Crop	\$10,000.00
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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.

2023 State Cost Share

FY23-SC-02	Marvin Nelson	WWY	\$5571.23
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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.

NEW CONTRACTS

FY22-MRWP Extra Funds: Non-Structural:

FY22-MRWP-96	Nobles	Cover Crop	\$49,140.00
FY22-MRWP-97	Nobles	Cover Crop	\$50,000.00
FY24-MRWP-33	Nobles	Cover Crop	\$39,396.00 (linked to FY24)

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

FY22 MRWP Non-Structural:

FY24-MRWP-34	Penning (linked to FY24 funds as well)	Nobles	Cover Crop	\$1,251.80
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Langseth moved to approve the above cover crop contracts. Dekam Seconded the motion. Affirmative: Darling, Langseth, Their, Nelson, and DeKam. Opposed: None. Motion Carried

FY24-MRWP Non-Structural Contracts:

FY24-MRWP-30	Nobles	Strip Till/No-Till	\$49,140.00
FY24-MRWP-31	Nobles	Strip Till/No-Till	\$50,000.00
FY24-MRWP-32	Nobles	Strip Till/No-Till	\$50,000.00
FY24-MRWP-33	Nobles	Cover Crop	\$10,604.00 (linked to FY22 Funds)
FY24-MRWP-34	Nobles	Cover Crop	\$4,037.10
FY24-MRWP-35	Nobles	Strip Till/No-Till	\$5,288.90

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

CORRESPONDENCE: none

District Manager Report – Runck updated the board on the PF position. Also, after the rain events in June and all of the flooding issues, Nobles was declared a disaster area, County is monitoring sites to get FEMA money. We have been documenting destroyed areas.

Resource Specialist Report- Schuck reported that planting and matting is done, rain delayed things a bit. He has been doing buffer checks, Also WACA has new statues that will go into effect August 1, 2024. Wetland area tours are set for September.

District Conservationist Report – Crowley reported they have CSP contracts they are trying to get funded.

Watershed Districts and Other Reports –

O&O: Langseth updated the Board the Crailsheim project is set to have construction start in 2025. Bella Park the restrooms have been updated.

KLR: Their reported that KLR had their audit, everything looked good. They approved the budget for 2025, no levy increase.

Des Moines: none

County: Metz updated the board that the deadline for disaster reporting has been extended. County is double checking the bridges and piers for damage. Drainage ditch 9 & 13 have major damages.

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:

Emerald Ash Borer: The staff discussed the increase in local issues with the damages caused by the EAB. We have decided to update our cost share policy to adapt it to put in one row of trees to replace damaged ash trees. The policy will lay out the new perimeters for cost share. The row will have to be a hard wood tree and a larger size in order to be covered.

Calendar of Events:

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2024, at 7:30am

ADJOURN: July 17, 2024, at 8:51 a.m.

Secretary