

**Marion Soil and Water Conservation District  
Education Committee Meeting – 1/21/2020**

Location: Marion SWCD Conference Room  
338 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem, OR 97301  
Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2020  
Time: 11:31am to 11:55am

Meeting Minutes  
Recorder: Jenny Meisel  
Chair: Scott Walker

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Directors**

Walker, Scott

**Associates**

Mark Fields

**Staff**

Calkins, Janice  
Meisel, Jenny

**Guests / Partners**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Scott Walker called the meeting to order at 11:31 AM.

**GRANT APPLICATION**

**1. Stream Restoration Project at Sprague High School**

3 classes will be completing a stream restoration project on Croisan Creek on school property. They plan to remove invasive blackberry and replant the area with native plants. This grant is asking for funding to purchase native plants. This grant is requesting \$1000.00

**ACTION:**

Walker motioned that the Committee recommend the CLEAR grant application for Sprague High School be approved by the MSWCD Board of Directors. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fields. All were in favor. **Motion Passed: 2 – 0.**

**2. Restoration of Native Habitat at GeerCrest Farm**

This grant seeks funding to purchase tools and equipment such as hand pruners, rakes, shovels, pitchforks, gloves, flag and marker tape for school groups to use in restoration projects on the farm. This grant is requesting \$894.10.

Discussion: Scott Walker received an email recently stating that GeerCrest Farm has a new Executive Director. He would like to know if the restoration projects are still a priority for the new Director.

Mark Fields noted that we approved a CLEAR Grant in 2015 for equipment for GeerCrest. He assumed this is a request to replace some of the tools and the consumable equipment.

**ACTION:**

Walker moved that the Committee recommend the CLEAR Grant application for GeerCrest Farm be approved by the MSWCD Board of Directors pending that staff is able to determine that this continues to be a priority for the new executive director. All were in favor. **Motion Passed: 2-0**

On January 23, Jenny Ammon received an email letter of support for this project from Colleen Carroll, Site Director for GeerCrest Farm.

### **3. Marine Science Field Trip, McKay High School**

This grant seeks bus transportation funding for junior and senior marine science classes to take a trip to Lincoln City beaches to experience the ocean and marine environments firsthand. This grant is requesting \$1650.

Discussion: Walker is concerned about the ask of this grant being over \$1000. Meisel stated that the entity is eligible for up to \$3,000 per year and this falls within that range and we have had other grants in the past ask for more than \$1000. \$1000 is not a cap to the ask amount per each grant.

Walker stated that although this request exceeds the typical limit of \$1000 the committee understands that in the past, we have made exceptions for those in excess.

#### **ACTION:**

Walker motioned that the Committee recommend the CLEAR grant application for bus transportation for a trip to the coast be approved by the MSWCD Board of Directors. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fields. All were in favor.

**Motion Passed: 2 – 0.**

### **MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY CHAIR Walker AT 11:55 AM.**

#### **Next Meeting Date (if needed):**

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 11:30AM – Large Conference Room

*Minutes submitted by Jenny Meisel.*

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