



## Marion Soil and Water Conservation District

### Education Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

11:30 am via [Zoom](#)

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## MINUTES

**Call to Order** – Scott Walker, Chair – 11:31 am

**In attendance:** Mark Fields, Scott Walker, Darin Olson, Heath Keirstead, Janice Calkins, and Amy Boyd.

## Introductions

1. Board members and staff shared their backgrounds and conservation interests. Mark- interested in getting out the programs of MSWCD to as many people and organizations as possible. Darin – wants to teach people (farmers) that just because it's conservation it's not all bad. Scott – principle interest is water issues and global warming impacts on water use. Heath – invested in building bridges so people have the information they need to make good decisions. Janice – water quality is important to Janice.

## Grant Review

Two Grants: North Salem High School Land Management Field Trips and Silvies River Charter School Native Plant and Tree Day. Committee recommends to the board both grants for approval.

## Old Business

1. Follow up on Geocache idea – Darin's idea- before a big event we would set up a geocache and at the end people who participated would visit our booth at the county fair and get a participation prize or get entered in a raffle. This would ideally get people to come visit us more.

## New Business

1. Watershed Council Support – offer a specific education grant for watershed councils. Would need to get this in the budget and set criteria. Other ideas for watershed council support are also being explored, it may not need to pass through the education part of MSWCD's budget.
2. Explore needs of the education community. Since Heath is new to Marion County, she plans to spend this first year getting to know the local education community and find out more about their needs and interests so we are better informed as to how support their conservation education efforts.

**Adjournment** – Scott Walker, Chair

## Committee Members

Board: Scott Walker, Mark Fields, Darin Olson; Staff: Heath Keirstead, Janice Calkins

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