



Marion Soil and Water Conservation District

Education Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

9:00 am via [Zoom](#)

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Minutes

Call to Order – 9:07am Scott Walker, Committee Chair

Participants: Scott Walker, Heath Keirstead, Mark Fields, Darin Olson, Becky Pineda

Grant Review/Discussion

1. Gervais School District: Walking Path \$23,000 project, asking for \$2000. Darin says it seems reasonable, Scott likes it too. Good to do something with Gervais. Mark moves, Darin seconds. All in favor. Positive recommendation to the board.

Additional Discussion Items

- **Adding Becky to the committee** – Becky was a high school agriculture teacher in Aumsville and Turner before coming to Marion SWCD and is interested in joining the education committee. Scott and Darin are on board with it. Brenda is OK with it: as long as Becky is able to follow through with her other job duties then she is permitted to help with education.
- **How should Ankeny Hill Nature Center proceed with grant request?** The committee recommends that Heath send it to Brenda first for guidance on how to proceed.
- **How about shifting to a 3 x/year grant deadline?** September, December, April? Sometimes grants come in that don't fit into a schedule. Because it is more of a what is happening now in education, Scott is OK with current system. Darin says we could discuss this at the next committee meeting.
- **Suggesting: HK create a committee charter with committee member job descriptions?** Darin says go for it. Scott doesn't have any issue with it. Heath will prepare and group will look at it.
- **In the minutes** – put Scott as Associate until the next meeting.
- **Suggestion from Scott** – Heath should include names and topics of upcoming radio segments and First Fridays in the next agenda. Heath will also provide links to the website where this information can be found.

Adjournment – 9:25 am; Scott Walker, Chair

Help Spread the Word...

Upcoming Education Events

1. Salem Saturday Market - 5/21, 6/18, 7/16
2. Other Community Events – City of Keizer Earth Day (4/23), Silver Falls Birds and Wildflowers Festival (5/7-8), Englewood Forest Festival (8/13)
3. School Events – Outdoor School at Minto Brown (5/10, 12,13), Native Plants for Pollinators Day at Ankeny Hill Nature Center (4/26), Water Festival at Cummings Elementary (5/19)

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4. First Fridays – ongoing – First Friday of each month from 12-12:45 pm (none in July)
5. KMUZ Conservation Spotlight podcast – ongoing – MSWCD hosts in March, June, September, and December – in package for next meeting -list those folks on the agenda.

Committee Members

Board Director: Darin Olson, Chair

Associate Directors: Scott Walker, Mark Fields,

Staff: Heath Keirstead, Janice Calkins, Becky Pineda

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