



Marion Soil and Water Conservation District

Education Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

9:00 am via [Zoom](#)

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AGENDA

Call to Order – Scott Walker, Chair 9:10 am

In attendance: Janice Calkins, Mark Fields, Becky Pineda, Scott Walker, (Darin Olson was only able to attend for a few minutes and did not participate in the vote)

Funding Review/Discussion

1. Ankeny Hill Nature Center Pollinator Node -District Manager recommends funding this through Budget Line 23 - Conservation Projects with Partners. She requested that the organization submit the request (Salem Audubon) as a stand-alone document that outlines:
 - requested amount
 - total budget
 - timeframe
 - anticipated outcomes
 - targeted audience
 - conservation topic/focus
 - supporting documentation
- Salem Audubon has submitted the attached proposal, as requested. Salem Audubon has received \$835 (2019) + \$1,000 (2019) + \$930 (2018) + \$1,000 (2017) = \$3,765 total in last five years, so they qualify for the requested \$4,500 in funding from us. (There is a maximum of \$7,500 per applicant per fiscal year and a maximum of \$22,500 per entity per every 5 consecutive rolling fiscal years.)
- A little history of Ankeny, according to Scott Walker – Gehler was a cherry packing Audubon member with wealth – asked Audubon what they needed, they said they would like a nature center. He left almost \$2million, everyone had different opinions on how to spend it. Scott was on the committee for site selection, very challenging. They looked at 4 potential sites, Ankeny was one of them. The committee chose Ankeny, in part because the feds were there, great collaborators, a lot of experience with projects of this sort.
- This will be funded out of current fiscal year budget, Line 23 – Conservation Projects with Partners. Scott moves that we recommend this project to the full board for consideration. Becky seconds. Unan. in favor. (5:0)

Other Updates

1. **Committee Charter** – in progress – Scott asked: what is the problem we are solving in having this charter? He is concerned that having a charter will create formality that cut into the flexibility of this committee, we don't want to put ourselves in a straight jacket. Becky expressed that, being a new staff member, she couldn't find any documentation on how the committee process works. No way for new

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committee members to know what the committee does. Heath expressed the importance of making the roles and responsibilities of the committee and its members explicit, for accountability and for consistency. Scott explained that board meetings got longer and longer, questions raised with no answers, Darin pushed the notion to resuscitate the committees, to minimize the board meeting length. That was the reason for the committees. Also, associate directors could vote on committees, whereas they don't have a vote on the board. He explained that in the past we had 4 voting members on committees (but this isn't in writing anywhere). Normally, all 3 board members would have a vote, but only one staff person on the committee would have a vote. Scott is concerned by the scope of work, and would like us to emphasize flexibility in that area.

2. Instituting Grant Application Deadlines – we will postpone this discussion – Scott mentioned that we should always try to fix problems where they exist. LAPs have a cycle because they have to evaluate the worthiness and that involves quite a few people.

Adjournment – Scott Walker, Chair

Help Spread the Word...

Upcoming Education Events

1. Salem Saturday Market - 5/21, 6/18, 7/16
2. Other Community Events – Englewood Forest Festival (8/13), Community Salmon Watch Day (9/10)
3. First Fridays – [June 3 at 12pm – Dr. Jennifer Parke on Solarization](#) – First Friday of each month from 12-12:45 pm (none in July)
4. KMUZ Conservation Spotlight podcast – [June 15 at 8 am and 6 pm – Owen Dell on Water Management in the Yard and Garden](#) – (MSWCD hosts in March, June, September, and December)

Committee Members

Board: Scott Walker, Mark Fields, Darin Olson

Staff: Heath Keirstead, Janice Calkins, Becky Pineda

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