

MARION SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

All Committee Meetings are Open to the Public
Due to COVID-19, these meetings will be held by video conference.

Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2022
Time: 9:00am
Location: Online

AGENDA

	Item	Purpose	Lead
	Call to order		Dave Budeau
1	Updates	Discussion, Recommendation	All Members
2	Special Project Grant - Pearmine	Discussion, Recommendation	Becky
3	Proposed Watershed Council Support Grant	Develop Framework	Brenda
4	LAP Payment	Final/Report to Board	Brenda
5	Pesticide Stewardship Partnership	Discussion, Recommendation	Brenda
6	Program Committee Meetings during pause	Set next meetings	Becky
	Adjourn Meeting		Dave Budeau

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Program Committee Attendance:

Dave Budeau, Leland Hardy

Staff: Becky Pineda, Delani Herb, Susan Ortiz, Brenda Sanchez

Dave Budeau filled in to chair the meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

Special Project Grant - Pearmine

No updates were given, so we moved into the Special Project Grant that was submitted by Ernie Pearmine of Pearmine Farms regarding a Flow-Tech Grow equipment which would be applied to his current drip irrigation system.

The decision of the group was to **not** fund this project at this time. Committee members would like to see the following before accepting this technology:

- An Irrigation Water Management (IWM) plan.
- Determine how success would be measured.
- More information about what happens physically with this treatment.
- Citations from independent research.

Becky will be contacting Bill Terry from WaterPoint Irrigation Technologies to set a time when Bill can explain the technology to the committee. Becky will also inform Pearmine Farms that we will not be funding the SPG at this time.

Proposed Watershed Council Support Grant

District Manager Sanchez presented a draft framework of the support grant. Discussion and suggestions followed:

- Increase amount to \$7500 annually so it matches our current LAP grant amounts.
- If there is money left over because not all watershed councils in our district utilized the program, councils could apply again.
- Run this as a 2-year pilot project.
- Define the intent of this grant – how and why is it different than other grants.
- Available to all watershed councils in the district.
- Applications in late fall.
- 15% match.
- Watershed councils to use a tracking sheet to show expenses.

Brenda will be taking this proposal to the board in May and will not need to bring it back to the program committee.

LAP Payment

Staff no longer needs to bring payment of LAP's to the board for approval at the completion of the project, but the board would still like to see something that shows off the completed projects that have been paid out.

Becky volunteered to create a template this slideshow and organize getting it made and presented at board meetings. Side note (after the meeting) – Susan and Delani had already been working on this, and we will use the template created by Delani. Some suggestions for the presentation include:

- Three sentence summary of the project.
- Slideshow with pictures.
- What happened and how will it be maintained.

Pesticide Stewardship Partnership

District Manager Sanchez presented a proposal document and fact sheet about the Pesticide Stewardship Partnership in which staff member Delani Herb will take the lead if approved.

Dave Budeau moved to recommend the PSP proposal moving forward to the board for approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Future Program Meetings

It was decided to continue our regular schedule of Program Committee meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 9am.

Director Budeau adjourned the meeting at 9:59am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Pineda
Marion SWCD Staff