

# MARION SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

### Minutes

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Date: June 15, 2022  
Time: 9:00am  
Location: Online

### AGENDA

	Item	Purpose	Lead
9am	Call to order		Dave Budeau
1	Updates	Discussion	All Members
2	Watershed Council Support Grant	Discussion, Recommendation	Brenda
3	Cover Crop Grant	Discussion, Recommendation	Delani
10am	Adjourn Meeting		Dave Budeau

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#### **Program Committee Attendance:**

Leland Hardy, Dave Budeau

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

Guest: Scott Walker

The June 15, 2022 Program Committee Meeting was called to order at 9:08am by Director Dave Budeau, who filled in for Chairperson Kyle Ross. The meeting was held virtually, via Zoom.

#### **Updates**

Becky updated that the Tech Team continues to work on the details of our flat rate vs. cost share discussion. Staff members on the Tech Team are finding more examples of cost scenarios through NRCS and EQIP before bringing back to the Program Committee for further consideration.

#### **Watershed Council Capacity Support Grant**

District Manager, Brenda Sanchez asked Director and guest to the committee meeting, Scott Walker, to speak on any further changes he would like to see to the draft of the Watershed Council Capacity Support Grant. Manager Sanchez made edits to the grant document as they were suggested by Scott and Leland. After discussion, Leland Hardy moved to forward the Watershed Council Capacity Support Grant, with the amendments made today to the board for approval. Becky seconded the motion. The motion passed with 2 in favor, zero opposed, and one abstention.

#### **Cover Crop Grant**

Delani opened discussion by asking for prior concerns from the board. Scott and Dave shared concerns, including the following:

- Cooperators being able to repeatedly come back to the table for cover crop funding.
- Should we be funding something that farmers are already doing?
- Will utilizing a cover crop every year benefit soil health?

Delani then shared a draft Cover Crop application on Foundant and spoke on benefits of opening Cover Crop Assistance this fall and asked for feedback on the application. Concerns and feedback were given by board members. Staff feels that this is an important practice, particularly in our SIA and Focus Area, and that they will have enough time, even though we are on a pause, to successfully implement the Cover Crop Assistance as designed.

Dave made a motion to present the Cover Crop Assistance to the board for approval. The motion received a second from Becky. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Dave adjourned the meeting at 10:01am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Pineda  
Marion SWCD Staff