



**Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD)
Natural Resources Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2020, 9:00 am to 10:30 am**

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Staff Contact: Susan Ortiz, susan.ortiz@marionswcd.net

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Chair: Call Meeting to Order, Agenda Changes & Approval

Item #	Topic	Presenter	Time
	Approval of Minutes	Chair	5 min.
1	Updates	Staff	5 min.
2	Cover Crop Program Proposed Rate Increase Recommendation of rates for FY2024-2025	Staff	30 min.
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	Meeting Adjournment	Chair	






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**Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD)
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Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 9:00 am to 10:30 am**

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Item #	Topic	Presenter	Time
	Approval of Minutes	Chair	5 min.
1	Updates	Staff	5 min.
2	Review Partner Grant Applications	Susan	1 hour
3	Grant Program Budget Recommendations	Staff	15 min.
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Meeting Adjournment

Chair



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Agenda Brief

Item #	Brief	Action
	Approval of Minutes from February 14, 2024 meeting	Review, Approve
1	Program updates by the staff.	No action needed
2	Review Partner Grant Applications received from the February 15, 2024 deadline. Consider each application received for Technical Assistance and Project Implementation Funding, rate the applications and provide recommendation to Board for funding.	Evaluate, Recommend Funding
3	Grant Program Budget Recommendations for the CAG, Cover Crop, SPG grants for the 2024-2025 FY.	Recommend
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Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members	Present/Absent	Staff	Guests
Dave Budeau	X	Sarah Hamilton	Peggy Hart
Rochelle Koch	X	Chelsea Blank	
Leland Hardy	X	Brenda Sanchez	
Becky Pineda	X		
Susan Ortiz	X		

Item #	Minutes	Action/ Vote Count
	Meeting called to order at 9:03am	
0	Minutes from February, 2024	Pineda moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2024 meeting. 2 nd by Koch. Passed unanimously.
1	Updates	No staff updates were given.
		60-24-001 Approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.
		60-24-002 Approved 4 in favor, 1 deferred.
		60-24-006 Approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.
		60-24-007 Approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed.
2	Review Partner Grant Applications Partner Grant applications were discussed, reviewed, and approved.	60-24-010 Approved 5 in favor, 0 opposed. Koch moved to approve all Project Implementation applications of the Partner Grant with a 'do fund' recommendation. 2 nd by Hardy. Motion passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.
3	Grant Program Budget Recommendations A document was provided with details of the suggested budget recommendations for conservation grants for FY24-25. This includes a new line item for Catastrophic Natural Event Assistance (proposed program) which would move funds out of the Unanticipated Projects line and the Conservation Projects line to have \$150,000 for the Catastrophic Natural Event Assistance line item.	Budeau moved to recommend the proposed grant amounts as indicated on the document <i>Budget Recommendations for 24-25 Conservation Grants</i> . 2 nd by Koch. Motion passed unanimously.

2024 Committee Meeting Schedule

Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of every other month, beginning with March. Meeting time is 9:00AM-10:30AM

- February 14
- March 13 (Partner Grant Application review)
- April 10 (Strategic Planning)
- May 8
- July 10
- September 11 (Partner Grant Application review)
- November 13

Meeting adjourned at 10:38am.

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**Proposed Cover Crop Rate Increase
May, 2024**

Proposal: Increase the rates of the Cover Crop Assistance Program to follow the chart provided:

Traditional Cover Crops	No-till	Conventional Tillage Drilled	Broadcast with light or minimum tillage
Base Payment	\$ 55/acre	\$ 45/acre	\$ 33/acre
Early planting incentive add:	\$ 10/acre	\$ 10/acre	\$ 10/acre
Planted with multi-species mix add:	\$ 10/acre	\$10/acre	\$ 10/acre
Max Payment Amount	\$ 75/acre	\$ 65/acre	\$ 53/acre

Rationale:

- Our current rates are below NRCS cost scenario and other similar programs (see charts below).
- The chart reflects 50% cost share based on NRCS Cost Scenarios.
- Current rates are below the rates offered in the pilot year 2019-2020 despite a heavy increase in costs.
- If an applicant chose the route of a CAG, they would be able to receive a higher payment rate for the same practice which would also add to our staff workload.

Marion SWCD Current Rates:

Traditional Cover Crops	No-till	Conventional Tillage Drilled	Broadcast with light or minimum tillage
Base Payment	\$35/acre	\$25/acre	\$20/acre
Early planting add:	+\$10/acre	+\$10/acre	+\$10/acre
Planted with multi-species mix add:	+\$10/acre	+\$10/acre	+\$10/acre
Forage Deduction:	-\$10/acre	-\$10/acre	-\$10/acre
Max Payment Amount	\$55/acre	\$45/acre	\$40/acre

NRCS FY24 Cost Scenarios:

Scenario Type	Cost Per Acre
Basic (Organic & Non-organic)	\$81.45

Multi Species (Organic & Non-organic)	\$102.02
Multi Species with Tillage	\$153.44

Maryland: [CC Incentives \(covercrop-incentives.org\)](http://covercrop-incentives.org)

Cover Crop Program	Cover Crop Plus+ Program
\$55/acre base payment	\$115/acre base payment
\$45/acre planted Nov. 6-15	Up to \$160/acre for add-on practices not used in the previous 3 years in an enrolled field.
+\$10/acre if planted before Oct. 10	Pilot program-must be enrolled in Nutrient Management Plan. Must enroll same field for 3 consecutive years.

Vermont: [CC Incentives \(covercrop-incentives.org\)](http://covercrop-incentives.org)

Planting Type	Rate
Broadcast	\$30/acre
Drilled or 'other'	\$45/acre