






**Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD)
Natural Resources Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 9:00 am to 10:44 am**

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-  **Link to Video Conference:** [\(Zoom\) Meeting Link](#)
-  **Meeting Call in Number:** 1 (253) 215 - 8782
- Meeting ID:** 876 6562 3745 | **Passcode:** 842279
-  **Staff Contact:** Becky Pineda, becky.pineda@marionswcd.net

Agenda

Chair: Call Meeting to Order, Agenda Changes & Approval

Item #	Topic	Presenter		Time
1	Elect Committee Chair, Committee Structure, Meeting Schedule	B. Pineda	Procedure	10 min
2	Public Comment	Chair	Feedback	5 min
3	Review Minutes from Nov 16, 2022	B. Pineda	Procedure	5 min
4	Updates	Staff	Discussion	5 min
5	Special Project Grant	B. Pineda	Discussion, Recommendation	15 min
6	Grant Limitation Policy Revision	S. Ortiz	Discussion, Recommendation	10 min
7	Partner Grants	S. Ortiz	Discussion	15 min
8	Budget Recommendations for Grant Programs	All	Discussion, Recommendation	15 min
9	Scope of Work	B. Pineda	Discussion, Recommendation	10 min
	Meeting Adjournment	Chair		

Agenda Brief

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Meeting Minutes

Attendance

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

Item #	Minutes	Action/ Vote Count
	Call to Order: Pineda started the meeting at 9:00am	
1.	<p>Elect Committee Chair: Budeau nominated Koch, no other nominations; passed unanimously.</p> <p>Meeting Schedule: every other 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00AM; additional meetings may be called as needed.</p> <p>Committee Structure: Voting was discussed: all committee members vote to approve / disapprove, and the recommendation of the committee is provided to the Board.</p>	<p>Rochelle Koch elected as Chair by unanimous vote.</p> <p>Meetings every other 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 9:00AM; approved by unanimous vote.</p>
2.	Public Comment: None	
3.	November 16, 2022 Minutes were reviewed. No changes recommended. Motion to approve by Koch, 2 nd by Budeau; passed unanimously.	November 16, 2022 Minutes approved by unanimous vote.
4.	Updates: None.	
5.	Special Projects Grant - Zielinski Windsor Island 2023 was reviewed. Motion to approve by Hardy, 2 nd by Budeau; passed unanimously.	Recommend Zielinski Windsor Island 2023 Special Project Grant for approval and funding., by unanimous vote.
6.	Grant Limitation Policy Revision. Ortiz presented recommended revisions to the policy to incorporate grant program updates and word syntax. Motion to approve by Koch, 2 nd by Budeau, passed unanimously.	Recommend Grant Limitation Policy Revisions as presented, approved by unanimous vote.
7.	Partner Grants. Proposal was presented for Partner Grants to provide an equitable opportunity for eligible entities (Partner) to request funds from the District that are used to “protect, conserve, and improve the quality of soil, air, and water in Marion	Committee consensus to: Recommend providing the Board with an informational paragraph of the proposal with a budget placeholder

	<p>County". Grant requests may include Partner Capacity Support, Education, Outreach, Technical Assistance, and Project Implementation. It was noted that currently these requests are scattered throughout the budget and the District lacks a process for receiving, reviewing, and tracking the requests.</p> <p>Discussion followed. Suggested revisions include a different name for the Partner Grants, definitions of funding categories, overall more stringent structure and limitations, higher match requirements, pilot program with a 1-year review, and limitation on that entities that are eligible for Partner Grants are not eligible for CAG grants.</p> <p>Committee consensus was to provide the Board with an informational paragraph of the proposal with a budget placeholder recommendation of \$50,000 for Partner Capacity, plus \$155,000 for Partner Project Grants for a budget request of \$105,000.</p>	<p>recommendation of \$50,000 for Partner Capacity, plus \$155,000 for Partner Project Grants for a budget request of \$205,000.</p>
8	<p>Budget Recommendations for Grant Programs.</p> <p>Staff provided a recommendation for budget funding for FY2023-24 for Conservation Assistance Grants, Special Projects Grants, and Conservation Cover Crop grants.</p> <p>Discussion regarding the recommended amounts.</p> <p>Committee consensus that the recommended amounts are agreeable and a good starting point for the District Manager / Budget Officer to begin working on the FY 2023-2024 budget.</p>	<p>Informational for District Manager / Budget Officer to begin working on the FY 2023-2024 budget</p>
9	<p>Scope of Work – ODA Grant. Pineda provided an overview of the ODA – Scope of Work grant and advised that it needed to make a decision regarding if the District would include a Focus Area under the grant, and if so, what area. The current grant has the Focus Area of the Headwaters of the Pudding River; it was suggested to continue with the same Focus Area for the next grant to continue to address bare ground and riparian areas.</p> <p>Motion to approve maintaining the District's ODA-SOW Focus Area as the Headwaters of the Pudding River for the next biennial grant by Budeau, 2nd by Koch; passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Maintain the District's ODA-SOW Focus Area as the Headwaters of the Pudding River for the next biennial grant; passed unanimously.</p>
	<p>Adjourn: Koch adjourned the meeting at 10:44am.</p>	
	<p>Minutes approved by NR Committee June 21, 2023</p>	
