






**Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD)
Education and Outreach Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**

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-  **Link to Video Conference:** [\(Zoom\) Meeting Link](#)
-  **Meeting Call in Number:** 1 (253) 215 - 8782
-  **Meeting ID:** 834 9712 8477 | **Passcode:** 316646
- Staff Contact:** Heath Keirstead, heath.keirstead@marionswcd.net

Agenda DRAFT

Chair: Call Meeting to Order, Agenda Changes & Approval

Item #	Topic	Presenter	Purpose	Time
1	Introductions	H. Keirstead	Procedure	5 min
2	Public Comment	Chair	Feedback	5 min
3	Review Minutes from Sept 19, 2023	H. Keirstead	Procedure	5 min
4	CLEAR Grant & Salmon Watch budget	H. Keirstead	Determine recommendation to present to the Board	15 min
5	CLEAR Grant request: Community Roots Outdoor Classroom	H. Keirstead	Determine recommendation to present to the Board	5 min
6	CLEAR Grant request: Mary Eyre Elementary Youth Environmental Educational Program	H. Keirstead	Determine recommendation to present to the Board	5 min
7	Updates	Staff	Discussion	10 min
Meeting Adjournment		Chair		



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Agenda Brief

Item #	Brief	Action
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CLEAR Grant & Salmon Watch budget

Summary Table:

Grant category	Initial budget	Requests to date - as of 11/9/2023	Ask from Committee (to cover overages up to request maxima)
CLEAR <i>(+=unawarded Salmon Watch funds shift here)</i>	\$14,000+	\$12,950	22,950.00 <i>(that would add \$5000 for each of the next 2 grant rounds this year)</i>
Salmon Watch	\$8,000	\$8,900-14,900.31 <i>(this number will vary depending on what final receipts are)</i>	14900.31 <i>(that allows us to provide up to \$2000 to each applicant, in case expenses were higher than estimated, which is likely this year)</i>
Total	\$22,000	\$21,850-27,850	\$37,850
Overage	--	\$0-5,850	\$15,850

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Develop recommendation to present to the Board in December.

Suggested Draft Recommendation for Ask to Board

Move funding in the amount of \$15,850 into the CLEAR grant budget line item. This adds \$5000 for each of the next two rounds of CLEAR grant application deadlines and additional \$5,850 for Salmon Watch requests. Any of these additional funds that are not allocated to Salmon Watch will be added to the CLEAR grant pool of funds available.

Give staff permission to process up to \$14,901 in Salmon Watch requests this fiscal year (up from the \$8000 that the Board already approved for staff processing).

If the board doesn't approve this request, we will not have enough funds to cover all the Salmon Watch requests we have received, resulting in some schools who attended Salmon Watch not getting reimbursed for bus and sub expenses. It also means that we will not be able to offer any more rounds of CLEAR grants this school year/Fiscal Year.

	Brenda says, "Through a Board action we can move \$15,850 from the Natural Resources budget line 10 "Conservation Projects" (general projects line item) or from what remains of the Cover Crop Program funds line 9."	
	CLEAR Grant request: Community Roots School Outdoor Classroom	
	Request: \$1750 for the Outdoor Classroom - an ongoing, year-round program at Community Roots School, a public charter school that serves grades K-6 in Silverton. The "Outdoor Classroom" is made up of a large school garden for growing veggies, herbs, and pollinator plants, a native garden, chicken coop, small fruit orchard, greenhouse, compost area, water catchment system, and workbench.	
5	The \$1,000 in supplies and materials will be spent on native plants, fruit trees, building supplies, compost and mulch deliveries, tool replacements, research library materials, and miscellaneous material expenses that come up in our ongoing programming. The \$750 we are hoping for in instruction fees would go toward having Brigitte McConville, a Warm Springs Tribal member, visit our school for a hands-on, two-day lecture on traditional land practices, cultural history, the nutritional, and ecological importance of salmon, traditional net-fishing methods, and do a salmon tasting with our students! We have raised \$750 so far of her \$1500 fee.	Develop recommendation to present to the Board in December.
	CLEAR Grant request: Mary Eyre Elementary Youth Environmental Educational Program Activities and Field Trip	
6	100 second grade students from a Title I school will get the opportunity to watch and experience wildlife at Minto Brown Park or Willamette Mission Park on a fieldtrip June 4th and June 5th. The walk and activities are led by the Youth Environmental Education Program (YEPP) through the City of Salem. Students will also receive 1 lesson from the YEPP program here at our school. One lesson will be about Beavers and it will be on February 12.	Develop recommendation to present to the Board in December.
7	If time permits, Kassi and Heath will provide updates on their projects.	Discussion

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members	Present/ Absent	Attendance	
		Staff	Guests
Darin Olson			
Scott Walker			
Mark Fields			
Heath			
Keirstead			
Kassi Roosth			

Item #	Minutes	Action/ Vote Count
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