






**Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD)  
Education and Outreach Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, April 18, 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:** 897 5467 9447 | **Passcode:** 258889
-  **Staff Contact:** Heath Keirstead, [heath.keirstead@marionswcd.net](mailto:heath.keirstead@marionswcd.net)


**Agenda FINAL**

**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 Feb 14, 2023	H. Keirstead	Procedure	5 min
4	Vistica Scholarship & OSAC process	Chair	Update	10 min
5	Small Farm School	H. Keirstead	Update/Recommendation	15 min
6	Review Partner Grants Framework draft	S. Ortiz	Discussion	10 min
7	Updates	Staff	Discussion	10 min
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	<b>Meeting Adjournment</b>	Chair		

**Agenda Brief**

Item #	Brief	Action
4	Last month we had some questions about the Vistica scholarship review process. According to our connection at OSAC, the review process is that Marion SWCD's education staff member invites community partners to participate in the scholarship review committee. Last time the committee members were: Jenny Ammon, Sally White, Deborah Topp, and Tanya Beard. Does the E & O committee have suggestions on who should be	<b>Generate list of people to invite to serve.</b>

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	invited to serve? Should we ask a teacher and a past grant recipient? We will also start to discuss what scholarships to offer for school year '23-'24.	
5	Small Farm School is hosted each year by OSU Extension, Clackamas SWCD, and Clackamas Community College. They are seeking more partners for the event both with planning, event management, and with funding. In the past Marion SWCD involvement has been sponsoring a scholarship for attendance by residence of Marion County. It appears that about 10% of past event participants are from Marion County. We'll have more info and continue the discussion. Last year: \$80/participant. Offer full scholarships to BIPOC and veterans, reduced rate for students. If we cover ppl from Marion County who attend, if we sponsor this much up front, last year 7% were from Marion County, so this could be 14x\$80...flat. Ppl to help out on general planning team looking for sponsorship of event - help to cover their pay. \$7500 estimate total. How many counties - Marion, Clackamas, Tualatin & East and sometimes West Multnomah. Could contribute to scholarship fund. Not too many people want to drive from the west side. Clackamas SWCD is one of the planning partners, often two people on staff. Workshops that our growers are interested in. September 13 can have an exhibitor table there too. In the past there was no cost for table.	<b>Develop recommendation to present to the Board</b>
6	Discussion on our Partner Grant framework that includes capacity and project funding for our partners. The Natural Resources Committee is also discussing this at their meeting.	<b>Solicit feedback from committee members</b>

### Meeting Minutes

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

Item #	Minutes	Action/ Vote Count
1	No introductions needed.	
2	No public present at meeting.	
3	Meeting minutes: Darin motioned to approve the last meeting minutes. Mark seconds.	<b>February meeting minutes approved. All in favor.</b>
4	Vistica Scholarship & Oregon student access commission (OSAC) process: Heath would like to decide who we want to be on the review committee. Darin proposed making the committee 3 people to make scheduling easier.	<b>The E&amp;O committee agrees to allow Heath to select 3-5 scholarship review committee members.</b>

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	<p>Heath said that she, Jenny Ammon, and Deborah Topp are still willing to serve. Darin is okay with leaving it up to the staff. Heath will move forward with advice. In the future she would like to include a schoolteacher and past scholarship recipient.</p>	
5	<p>Heath proposed to support Small Farm School (SFS) again this year by helping with planning efforts and funding. Funding would support SFS staff capacity and scholarships for Marion County residents to attend. Marion SWCD could have a table at the event for free. Brenda clarified that there is 5k available for educational projects. SFS will receive \$2,000 for support: \$1,000-\$1,500 for hiring SFS support staff and \$500 towards Marion County attendee scholarships. Guidelines might be given to SFS on how to distribute scholarship funds. This will be readdressed in July for the August board meeting. Susan shared that support could also be with planning. Darin would like staff who attend the event to give feedback on whether the event was worth sponsoring. The education committee supports involvement and Heath and Brenda will discuss staff time.</p>	<p><b>Small Farm School will receive funding and planning support. A recommendation will be brought to the August board meeting.</b></p>
6	<p>Susan shared how Marion SWCD has 15 different areas we provide support with grants: 7 of these have a more formal process ex. CLEAR grants. The other 8 do not have a set process. Susan proposes a partner grant to address current challenges and to help make things more consistent, equitable, and supports the MSWCD mission. The partner grant proposed would have the same eligibility criteria as the CLEAR grants and could support capacity, education, outreach, TA, and project implementation. Darin wants clarification on how far in advance funds can be requested and wants to set a limit on how long project funding will be held for. Foundant would be used by Marion SWCD and grantees to track what the district has granted. The committee suggested having 5-7 committee members instead of 9. The committee discussed the pros and cons of offering 2 vs 4 grant deadlines per year. The education committee supports framework.</p>	<p><b>The Education Committee supports the framework of the Partner Grant.</b></p>
7	<p>Meeting time complete. No time for staff updates. Heath suggests reading staff reports if board members are interested in learning more.</p>	<p><b>Meeting Adjourned</b></p>

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