






**Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD)
Education and Outreach Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 18, 2023, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**

HB2560 requires that all Oregon public meetings held by a governing body of a public body, excluding executive sessions, must provide to members of the public an opportunity to access and attend the meeting by telephone, video or other electronic or virtual means. This meeting will be held by video conference and by telephone.

-  **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

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 June 20, 2023	H. Keirstead	Procedure	5 min
4	Vistica Scholarship Awards during 2023-2024 for SY 2024-2025	H. Keirstead	Determine recommendation to present to the Board	15 min
5	Small Farm School	H. Keirstead	Determine procedure for allocating funding.	10 min
6	CLEAR grant inquiry – Cascade View outdoor school	H. Keirstead	Discuss and develop recommendation for applicant	5 min
7	E&O Committee vacancy	H. Keirstead	Discuss and determine next steps	5 min
8	Updates	Staff	Discussion	10 min
Meeting Adjournment		Chair		

Agenda Brief

Item #	Brief	Action
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4	<p>Currently Vistica Scholarship awardees receive \$2000 the first year and can get \$1000 for a second year.</p> <p>In the FY 23-24 budget, \$6500 is allocated to the scholarship. 11% (\$715) is for OSAC's admin fee, leaving \$5785 available for scholarships. What amounts do we want to offer and for how many years?</p> <p>Option 1: Make a commitment to the students for up to 4 years of scholarship at \$1000 per year, with the requirement that they reapply same as is done now with the second year award.</p> <p>Option 2: Make a commitment to the students for up to 4 years of scholarship at \$2000 for year 1 and \$1000 per yr for yrs 2-4, with the requirement that they reapply same as is done now with the second year award.</p> <p>Option 3: Make a commitment to the students for up to 4 years of scholarship at \$1000 per yr for yrs 1-3, and \$2000 for year 4, with the requirement that they reapply same as is done now with the second year award.</p> <p>Option 4: Make a commitment to the students for up to 4 years of scholarship at \$1000 per yr for yrs 1-2, \$1500 for yr 3, and \$2000 for year 4, with the requirement that they reapply same as is done now with the second year award.</p>	<p>Develop recommendation to present to the Board in July.</p>
5	<p>Small Farm School (9/13/23 at Clackamas Community College) funding –In April, our committee agreed that we would like to provide \$2000 in support. This amount would list our organization in the event program, include promotion on Small Farm School social media pages, list our logo and link on the Small Farm School website, allow us to exhibit at the event, and register four MSWCD attendees. Do we need to make a recommendation to the Board for this action or can it be processed through staff channels? (Could staff create a Purchase Request since we have \$5000 in the budget line for educational projects?)</p>	<p>Determine process. Develop recommendation to Board if needed.</p>
6	<p>Cascade View Christian School's goal is to provide an equitable, inclusive, independent, residential outdoor school program for approximately 40 students in 5th and 6th grade who attend our small private school in Marion County. As a private school, we are unable to directly access the same Measure 99 funds public schools receive to attend outdoor school. Much of our diverse student body resides in and commutes from traditionally underserved, highly urbanized areas of Salem and students experience barriers to accessing outdoor recreational and educational spaces and STEM learning activities in their daily lives. The potential funds received from an October 2023 CLEAR Grant will contribute directly to room and board at a camp on the Little Luckiamute River which has agreed to host our event. During this event, students will engage in lessons and activities pertaining to watershed ecology, conservation and sustainability, and scientific inquiry. Lessons will be</p>	<p>Discuss and develop recommendation for applicant</p>

	taught by school staff and volunteer educators and will align with school, state, and NGSS standards for 5th and 6th grade.	
7	Scott Walker has removed himself from the E&O Committee. This means we have a vacancy. What is the plan and process for filling the vacancy?	Discuss and determine next steps.
8	If time permits, Kassi and Heath will provide updates on their projects.	Discussion

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

Meeting called to order: 11:20 am

Item #	Minutes	Action/ Vote Count
1	No introductions needed.	
2	No public attendance.	
3	Meeting minutes approved.	The June 20 th education committee meeting minutes approved.
4	Heath shared that \$6500 available for scholarship funds this year. \$5785 after admin fees (11%). We discussed the four options Heath proposed on how to distribute scholarship funds. Different award amounts and years of funding were discussed as a group. Heath shared the benefits of awarding a higher scholarship to students who are further along in school. Brenda wants to make sure renewals are fair for nontraditional students. Heath clarified that we fund one renewal and one new applicant each year. Heath proposed first and second applicants will receive \$2,000, and third-year applicants will receive \$1,500. Mark recommends this. Heath seconds. None opposed.	The education committee will recommend to the board that scholarships offered for school year '24-25 be \$2,000 for first and second-year applicants and \$1,500 for third year applicants.
5	Brenda clarified that Heath would submit a PRF to Linda for \$2,000 for Small Farm School.	The education committee chair will submit a PRF to the district's financial administrator.
6	Cascade View Christian School wants to know if they are allowed to apply for the CLEAR grant to support participation in outdoor school. Everyone agreed	Cascade View Christian School can apply for a CLEAR grant.

	that since the CLEAR grant would benefit Marion Co. students, they are eligible to apply.	
7	Brenda shared that at the board meeting Mr. Walker stated for the record that he would no longer like to be on the education committee. Darin would like to wait a little longer before finalizing this decision. Heath and Darin will discuss how to move forward with committee communications.	Heath and Darin will discuss how to move forward with committee communications.
8	Heath shared about upcoming events such as Santiam Summer Fest and the plant sale at Bush Park. Kassi shared about the wildfire preparedness event at the Oregon Garden.	

Meeting adjourned: 12:15 pm