







**Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD)  
Education and Outreach Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 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](mailto:heath.keirstead@marionswcd.net)

**Agenda DRAFT**

**Chair:** Call Meeting to Order, Agenda Changes & Approval

Item #	Topic	Presenter	Purpose	Time
1	Introductions	H. Keirstead	Procedure	3 min
2	Public Comment	H. Keirstead	Feedback	2 min
3	New Committee Roles for 2024	H. Keirstead	Procedure	3 min
4	Review Minutes from Sept 19 & November 21	K. Roosth	Discuss & Accept Minutes	2 min
5	CLEAR Grant request: Salem Audubon Society Traveling Education Program	H. Keirstead	Determine recommendation to present to the Board	5 min
6	2024 Ed Committee Meetings & Grant Deadlines	K. Roosth	Discussion	5 min
7	Partner Grants Process	S. Ortiz	Review	5 min
8	SWCD Apprenticeship	D. Olson	Discussion	15 min
9	Updates	Staff	Discussion	10 min
	<b>Meeting Adjournment</b>	Chair		



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## Agenda Brief

Item #	Brief	Action
3	Need to elect a new chair. Kassi Roosth will be meeting facilitator, Heath Keirstead will be the note taker.	<b>Vote for new chair</b>
4	We weren't able to accept the September minutes in November because of committee attendance. So now we are reviewing and accepting both September and November minutes.	<b>Review/Accept</b>
5	<p><b>CLEAR Grant request: Salem Audubon Society Traveling Education Program</b></p> <p>Request: \$2000; \$400 for supplies and \$1600 for instruction fees.</p> <p>The CLEAR grant will provide scholarships for local education programs to cover the \$45.00 cost of Salem Audubon Society's Traveling Education Program. Our program brings conservation issues to local area schools and events with the goal of sparking a lifelong interest in nature and the out of doors. Topics covered include: discovering birds and bird habitat; Oregon bats; beavers; Oregon owls; birds in hand; building nest boxes to replace lost habitat; riparian areas; backyard pollinator habitat; and mason bee basics.</p>	<b>Develop recommendation to present to the Board in December.</b>
<b>Important Dates Summary</b>		
6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CLEAR grant deadlines                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 2/7/24</li> <li>b. 4/3/24</li> <li>c. 9/4/24</li> <li>d. 11/5/24</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. EO Committee Meetings (Mostly 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 2/20/24</li> <li>b. 3/19/24 (Budget review)</li> <li>c. 4/16/24</li> <li>d. 7/16/24</li> <li>e. 9/17/24</li> <li>f. 11/19/24</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Board Action (Grant Approvals)                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 3/6/24</li> <li>b. 5/1/24</li> <li>c. 10/2/24</li> <li>d. 12/4/24</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Funds Disbursed to Grant Recipients                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 3/11-15/24</li> <li>b. 5/6-10/24</li> <li>c. 10/7-11/24</li> <li>d. 12/9-13/24</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Stan Vistica Memorial Scholarship                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Application window opened: November, 2023</li> <li>b. Early Bird Deadline: February 15, 2024</li> <li>c. Final Application Deadline: March 1, 2024</li> <li>d. Determine Amount to Offer for FY 24-25</li> <li>e. MSWCD Review Process: Early to mid-May, 2024</li> <li>f. Final decision: End of May (at request of OSAC)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<b>Discuss and make changes if needed</b>

7	Partner Grants - Susan will review the process and timeline.
8	SWCD apprenticeship idea (Darin Olson)
9	Staff will provide updates if time permits.

### Meeting Minutes

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

Item #	Minutes	Action/ Vote Count
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