



**Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD)
Natural Resources Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 9:00 am to 10:30 am**

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Meeting Call in Number: 1 253 215 8782

Meeting ID: | Passcode: 838 1782 7407 | 507254

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Agenda

Chair: Call Meeting to Order, Agenda Changes & Approval

Item #	Topic	Presenter	Time
	Approval of Minutes	Chair	5 min.
1	Updates	Staff	5 min.
2	Cover Crop Program Proposed Rate Increase Recommendation of rates for FY2024-2025	Staff	30 min.
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	Meeting Adjournment	Chair	



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Agenda Brief

Item #	Brief	Action
1	Program updates by the staff.	No action needed
2	Cover Crop Program Proposed Rate Increase Recommendation of rates for FY2024-2025	Review, Recommend
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Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members	Present/Absent	Staff	Guests
Dave Budeau	X	Brenda Sanchez	
Rochelle Koch	X	Cesar Zamora	
Leland Hardy	X	Sarah Hamilton	
Becky Pineda	X		
Susan Ortiz	X		

Item #	Minutes	Action/ Vote Count
	Meeting called to order at	
0	Approval of Minutes	Hardy motioned to approve the minutes from 03-13-24 as published. There was a second from Koch. Motion passed unanimously 5 in favor, 0 opposed.
1	Program Updates from staff No updates were provided.	
2	Cover Crop Program Proposed Rate Increase Recommendation of rates for FY2024-2025 Staff shared a document of recommended rate increases for our cover crop program. The document also shows our rationale for increased rates and updated rates of other comparative programs. Discussion followed, including increased producer costs and benefits of our cover crop program versus	Koch moved to recommend the increased rates for the Cover Crop Program beginning in FY24-25 to the Board. Second from Hardy. Motion passed unanimously 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

NRCS who provide a higher rate. Please see document for proposed increase in rates.

Proposed Review of Partner Grants

3 Manager Sanchez gave a short review of the Partner Grant review process used for the program's first round of applications. She also spoke about her plan for improving that process. This was informational only, to start the conversation of refining the Partner Grant review process. **Informational, no action needed.**

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2024 Committee Meeting Schedule

Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of every other month, beginning with March. Meeting time is 9:00AM-10:30AM

- February 14
 - March 13 (Partner Grant Application review)
 - April 10 (Strategic Planning)
 - May 8
 - July 10
 - September 11 (Partner Grant Application review)
 - November 13
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Meeting adjourned at 9:35am
