



Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD) Education and Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes 18 November 2025

11:48 AM to 12:29 PM

Facilitator: Kassi Roosth

Recorded by: Sarah Hamilton

Approved: 17 February 2026

Committee Member Attendance

Peggy Hart (Committee Chair) - Director	Present
Noah Justice - Director	Absent
Kassi Roosth - Staff	Present
Sarah Hamilton - Staff	Present
Member #5 - Vacant	Vacant

Staff

Guests

Amy Zimmer
Brenda Sanchez

None

Note: All documents and materials displayed or referenced are retained in the Education and Outreach Committee Meeting file at the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (Marion SWCD or District).

Minutes

Call to Order-Chair: 11:48 AM

- 1. Public Comment - None**
- 2. Board Updates on Committee Recommendations - None**
- 3. Board September 17, 2025 minutes**
Action: Hamilton motioned to accept the September 17th, 2025 Education & Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes with the following changes:
Correct the number of votes and voters for each action. 2nd by Roosth. No further discussion. **MOTION PASSED** (Aye-3 [Roosth, Hamilton, and Hart], Opposed-0).
- 4. CLEAR Grant Request: North Salem High School**
Action: Hart motioned to recommend funding of \$5,000 to support field trips for students. 2nd by Roosth. No further discussion. **MOTION PASSED** (Aye-3 [Roosth, Hamilton, and Hart], Opposed-0).
- 5. CLEAR Grant Request: Mary Eyre Elementary**

Action: Hamilton motioned to recommend funding of \$1,200 to support both proposed learning opportunities for students. Hart seconded. No further discussion. **MOTION PASSED** (Aye-3 [Roosth, Hamilton, and Hart], Opposed-0).

6. CLEAR Grant Request: Jane Goodall Environmental School

Action: Roosth motioned to recommend funding of \$4,980 to support educational opportunities at the JGEMS campus and local city parks for students. Hart seconded. No discussion. **MOTION PASSED** (Aye-3 [Roosth, Hamilton, and Hart], Opposed-0).

7. CLEAR Grant Request: Salem Environmental Education

Action: Hart motioned to recommend funding of \$4,507 for supplies and materials for the PAWS Spring and Fall Outdoor School Programs. Roosth seconded. No further discussion. **MOTION PASSED** (Aye-3 [Roosth, Hamilton, and Hart], Opposed-0).

8. CLEAR Grant Request: Aumsville Elementary

Action: Hamilton motioned to recommend funding of \$1,800 to support transportation costs for students to attend both proposed field trips. Hart Seconded. No further discussion. **MOTION PASSED** (Aye-3 [Roosth, Hamilton, and Hart], Opposed-0).

9. CLEAR Grant Request: Community Roots School

- Hamilton questioned the content of the 'Indigenous Storytelling', which was further elaborated by K. Roosth.
- Roosth questioned using the funds for maintenance. B. Sanchez suggested that maintenance is not appropriate, as it is not funded in other grant types. The group discussed several options for
- Sanchez questioned what 'Previously Unfunded Hours' meant in the application. The district does not fund retro pay.

Action: Roosth makes a motion to recommend funding the grant, excluding time spent on garden maintenance that does not directly involve the students, and not including the 'Previously Unfunded Hours', and we would need a revised budget to reflect these changes. Hart seconded. **MOTION PASSED** (Aye-3 [Roosth, Hamilton, and Hart], Opposed-0).

10. New Volunteer Background Check Policy

Brenda received input from Hart on the new policy, and will take it to the new Volunteer Planning Team meeting tomorrow before taking it to the board.

Adjourn: Chair Hart adjourned the meeting at 12:29 PM



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