

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 51-26

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LOCATION	WIWD Office	DATE	July 13, 2026
PRESENT:	J. Cruise	Member (Chairperson)	Producer / WIWD
	B. Fleury	Member (Vice- Chair)	Producer / WIWD
	B. Sigfusson	Member	WIWD
	E. Hummel	Member	Producer
	G. Metner	Member	Producer / WIWD
	H. Rosing	Member	Producer
	T. Cook (Teams)	Member	Producer
	T. Nevakshonoff	Member	WIWD
	I. Zotter	Member (Manager)	WIWD
	Y. Li	Environmental Technician	WIWD
REGRETS:	C. Cuvelier	Watershed Planner	ECC
	D. Kaartinen	Resource Technician	WIWD
	J. Olson	Peonan Point Representative	Producer
	K. Christensen	GROW Coordinator	WIWD

WRITTEN BY: Y. Li

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	CALL TO ORDER J. Cruise called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.	
2.0	APPROVAL OF AGENDA <u>306-26: B. Fleury – G. Metner</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Local Grow Committee (LGC) approved the Agenda as presented.	CARRIED
3.0	APPROVAL OF MINUTES <u>307-26: H. Rosing – G. Metner</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approved the minutes of the LGC Meeting #51-26, June 8 th , 2026, as presented.	CARRIED
4.0	PROGRAMMING UPDATES	
4.1	GROW Following the discussions from the previous meetings, the members further discussed the Environmental Stewardship topic in detail. <u>308-26: T. Nevakshonoff – H. Rosing</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Local GROW Committee (LGC) approve <i>Appendix A – Environmental Stewardship, Land Eligibility, and Compliance Conditions</i> as a formal schedule to the WIWD GROW Application, to be adopted within WIWD program administration. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the LGC direct WIWD staff to apply Appendix A to all current and future project reviews under WIWD programs, ensuring consistent assessment of project eligibility, land stewardship requirements, and compliance conditions in alignment with WIWD’s environmental objectives and responsible use of public funds. The Manager provided an update on the new reporting requirements introduced by the funder. The remaining funds for the GROW 2023–2025 program will be released	CARRIED

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	once the report has been reviewed and approved. Shapefiles will be required for future GROW reporting. T. Nevakshonoff and J. Cruise were unable to attend the scheduled delegation with the RM of West Interlake on July 14, 2026, regarding wetland restoration and water retention projects. Staff will identify the next available meeting date and time, coordinate with the members to confirm their availability, and, once a mutually agreeable date and time have been determined, contact the RM office to reschedule the delegation. The Manager brought forward a discussion regarding the promotional video for water retention project, this video production is intended to be a collaborative effort between EIWD and WIWD. Staff will coordinate a meeting with representatives from EIWD to discuss project details, roles, expectations, and next steps. 309-26: H. Rosing – G. Metner BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approve allocating up to \$5,000.00 toward the development of educational and promotional materials to support water retention activities.	CARRIED												
4.2	RALP The Manager provided an update on the funding status. Funding for the 2024–2025 Riparian and Agroforestry activities has been received. The 2024–2025 Grassland funding is currently under review, with payment to be issued upon approval of the final report. For the 2025–2026 funding year, the Riparian and Grassland programs are both in progress, with the deadline of September 30, 2026. The funding agreement for the 2026–2027 program year has been signed, and fund allocation has already started. The Committee moved in-camera to discuss a confidential individual project. Y. Li left the room. 310-26: T. Nevakshonoff – G. Metner BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approve moving in-camera at 9:36 a.m. 311-26: T. Nevakshonoff – B. Fleury BE IT RESOLVED THAT The LGC move out-of-camera at 9:50 a.m. No decisions were made during the in-camera session.	CARRIED CARRIED												
4.3	PWCP Technician reported on the current allocated funds for PWCP funding for the 2025-26 fiscal year. Awarded PWCP funds: \$1,105,000.00 <table><tr><td>Cover Crops:</td><td>\$ 171,190.00</td></tr><tr><td>Rotational Grazing:</td><td>\$ 658,852.64</td></tr><tr><td>Nitrogen Management:</td><td>\$ 275,523.83</td></tr><tr><td>Total Project cost:</td><td>\$ 1,105,566.47</td></tr></table> The following table reflects the funding allocated for PWCP following the initial intake of applications for the 2026–2027 fiscal year. Awarded PWCP funds: \$ 772,000.00 <table><tr><td>Cover Crops:</td><td>\$ 103,250.00</td></tr><tr><td>Rotational Grazing:</td><td>\$ 428,492.14</td></tr></table>	Cover Crops:	\$ 171,190.00	Rotational Grazing:	\$ 658,852.64	Nitrogen Management:	\$ 275,523.83	Total Project cost:	\$ 1,105,566.47	Cover Crops:	\$ 103,250.00	Rotational Grazing:	\$ 428,492.14	
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	Nitrogen Management: \$ 116,137.94 Total Project cost: \$ 647,880.08 Supporting documentation of current funds is available on file at the WIWD office.	
5.0	Approval of GROW, RALP and PWCP Applications Staff provided an overview of the proposed projects for the 2026–27 fiscal year, and the GROW Committee members discussed the projects in detail. 312-26: B. Fleury – B. Sigfusson BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approve the following projects for funding through the PWCP, GROW, or RALP Programs for the 2026–2027 fiscal year, subject to the conditions that all projects adhere to the applicable program guidelines established by MAW, MHC, Manitoba Agriculture, and WIWD; successfully complete the Final Project Inspection; and are contingent on available funds with fair distribution among participants. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the LGC authorize WIWD staff to exercise administrative flexibility to assign or reassign projects between the PWCP, GROW, or RALP Programs, based on the most appropriate program fit and the benefit to the producer, provided that all program guidelines and requirements continue to be met. ➤ BMP: PWCP Cover Crops T. Hoyle L. Law J. Kiesman ➤ BMP: PWCP Sod Seeder ➤ BMP: PWCP Soil Testing ➤ BMP: PWCP Legumes P. Ryden ➤ BMP: PWCP Manure B. Kinkead L. Law ➤ BMP: PWCP ESN/Urease Inhibitors W. Kostyshyn L. Law J. McMahon ➤ BMP: PWCP Split Fertilizer Application L. Wirgau ➤ BMP: PWCP Rotational Grazing A. Sund L. Thorgilsson P. Grose S. Thorgilsson D. Hueging W. Yule J. Cruise D. Springer F. Hueging D. McMahon ➤ BMP: PWCP Alternative Watering System K. McIntosh ➤ BMP: PWCP Pasture Rejuvenation	CARRIED CARRIED

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	➤ BMP: GROW Perennial Forage Establishment ➤ BMP: GROW Alternative Watering System A. Clark ➤ BMP: GROW Riparian Fencing ➤ BMP: GROW Cross Fencing ➤ BMP: GROW Sisal Twine ➤ BMP: GROW Windbreak Panel ➤ BMP: GROW Riparian Area Conservation ➤ BMP: RALP Riparian Fencing ➤ BMP: RALP Perennials E. Porteous L. Wirgau ➤ BMP: RALP Agroforestry	
6.0	NEXT MEETING: August 10th, 2026 9:00 a.m. WIWD Office	
7.0	ADJOURNMENT 313-26: <u>B. Sigfusson – G. Metner</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 11:21 a.m.	CARRIED
	These minutes are the writer's best interpretation of discussions held during the meeting. Please inform the writer of any noteworthy omissions or errors	
	Jack Cruise, LGC Chairperson Irina Zotter, Manager	