

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 38-24

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LOCATION	WIWD Office	DATE	November 18, 2024
PRESENT:	B. Fleury	Member (Chairperson)	Producer / WIWD
	T. Cook (zoom)	Member	Producer
	J. Cruise	Member	Producer / WIWD
	J. Olson	Peonan Point Representative	Producer
	B. Sigfusson	Member	WIWD
	I. Zotter	Member (Manager /GROW Coordinator)	WIWD
	K. Christensen	Financial Administrator	WIWD
	D. Kaartinen	Resource Technician	WIWD
REGRETS:	H. Rosing	Member (Vice- Chair)	Producer
	G. Metner	Member	Producer / WIWD
	D. Timmerman (zoom)	Watershed Planner	ARD

WRITTEN BY: K. Christensen

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b> B. Fleury called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.	
2.0	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b> <u>208-24: J. Olson – J. Cruise</u> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the Local Grow Committee (LGC) approved the agenda as presented.	CARRIED
3.0	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> <u>209-24: J. Cruise – B. Sigfusson</u> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the LGC approved the minutes of the LGC Meeting # 37-24 October 21, 2024 as presented.	CARRIED
	<b>Old Business</b>	
4.0	<b>GROW and PWCP Funds and Programs terms Update</b>  The GROW Coordinator reported on the GROW 2023-2025, and 2024-2026 funds allocated and expended for the 2024-25 season.  Awarded GROW Funds from MHC: GROW 2023-2025 - \$510,090.00 GROW 2024-2026 - \$447,442.50 Total: \$947,442.50  Funds Expended to date: GROW 2023-2025 - \$65,712.48 GROW 2024-2026 - \$97,725.00 Total \$163,437.48  Projects in progress: \$527,140.00 Funds for future distribution: \$266,955.02  Technician reported on the current allocated funds for PWCP funding the 2024-25 fiscal year:  Awarded PWCP funds: \$885,000.00  Cover Crops: \$145,670.00 Rotational Grazing: \$428,760.77 Nitrogen Management: \$229,761.65 Total Projected cost: \$804,192.42	

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	Supporting documentation of current funds is available on file at the WIWD office.	
5.0	<p><b>Shelterbelt Establishment and Enhancement</b></p> <p>The Technician and Financial Administrator conducted assessments of the 2 Billion Trees (2BT) 2024 spring planting projects to evaluate mortality rates. The results showed great survival rates, ranging from approximately 90-98%. The Technician has submitted all required reports to AWES.</p> <p>Technician gave an overview on an eco-buffer planting that is planned for the spring of 2025, utilizing RALP funds.</p>	
6.0	<p><b>RALP</b></p> <p>RALP 2023-2024 Projects:</p> <p>T00072 “Exclusion Fencing in the West Interlake Watershed District to Enhance and Restore Riparian Areas” – Project has been completed, and the Manager is in the process of finalizing reports for submission.</p> <p>T00071 “Creating Pollinator Habitats in the West Interlake Watershed District” – project is completed and the Financial Administrator has submitted all required reports.</p> <p>RALP 2024-2025 Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Agroforestry Establishment in the West Interlake Watershed District (\$20,000.00) – Project site location has been determined, technician has designed an eco-buffer planting consisting of 1,405 trees.</li><li>Exclusion Fencing in the West Interlake Watershed District to Enhance and Restore Riparian Areas (\$100,000.00). – 2 site locations have identified; 0.8 miles exclusion fencing along Dog Lake, and 0.62 miles along Burnt Lake Drain.</li><li>Cultivating Environmental Resilience through Perennial Forage Establishment. (\$100,000.00) – staff are in the process of identifying project locations.</li></ul> <p>RALP 2025-2026 Projects:</p> <p>Proposals were submitted on November 14, 2024 for the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2025 Riparian Restoration and Water Quality Improvement in the West Interlake Watershed (\$100,000.00)</li><li>Cultivating Environmental Resilience through Perennial Forage Establishment in the West Interlake Watershed in 2025-2026 (\$100,00.00)</li><li>Agroforestry Establishment in the West Interlake Watershed District 2025-2026 (\$21,900.00)</li></ul>	
7.0	<p><b>Approval of GROW and PWCP Applications</b></p> <p>The Technician and GROW Coordinator gave an overview on proposed projects for the 2024-25 fiscal year.</p> <p><b><u>210-24: I. Zotter – J. Olson</u></b></p> <p><b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the LGC approves the following projects, for funding through the PWCP or GROW Program for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, subject to the conditions that they adhere to all PWCP or GROW guidelines established by the MAW, MHC, and WIWD, successfully complete the Final Project Inspection, and contingency on available funds with fair distribution amongst participants</p>	CARRIED

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	<div><div>➤ <b>BMP: PWCP Cover Crops</b> Andy Rawluk</div><div>➤ <b>BMP: PWCP: Soil Testing</b> James Watt</div><div>➤ <b>BMP: PWCP Legumes</b> Farrell Pott James Watt</div><div>➤ <b>BMP: PWCP Manure</b> Lorna Law Farrell Pott</div><div>➤ <b>BMP: PWCP ESN/Urease Inhibitors</b></div><div>➤ <b>BMP: PWCP Split Fertilizer Application</b></div><div>➤ <b>BMP: PWCP Cross Fencing</b> Jack Cruise</div><div>➤ <b>BMP: PWCP Alternative Watering System</b></div><div>➤ <b>BMP: GROW Perennial Forage Establishment</b></div><div>➤ <b>BMP: GROW Alternative Watering System</b> Jack Cruise</div><div>➤ <b>BMP: GROW Riparian Fencing</b></div><div>➤ <b>BMP: GROW Sisal Twine</b></div></div>	
8.0	<div><div>Sisal Twine</div><div>The GROW Coordinator submitted a budget modification to Manitoba Habitat Conservancy (MHC) to reallocate \$15,000.00 from cross fencing to the sisal twine rebate in the 2024-2026 GROW funds.</div></div>	
9.0	<div><div>Incentive payments</div><div>LGC discussed potential incentive payment rates for class 1 &amp; 2 wetlands, riparian areas and wooded areas.</div><div><div><b>211-24: I. Zotter – J. Olson</b></div><div><b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the LGC approves to increase the annual incentive payment rate for conservation of class 1 &amp; 2 wetlands from \$50.00/acre to \$85.00/acre on annual crop land.</div></div><div><div><b>212-24: J. Cruise – B. Sigfusson</b></div><div><b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the LGC approves to set an annual incentive payment rate of \$50.00/acre for conservation of Old Growth Wooded areas, for a maximum of 10 acres per quarter of land.</div></div></div>	<div>CARRIED</div> <div>CARRIED</div>
10.0	<div><div>WIWD Workshops with Steve Kenyon on January 15-16</div><div>The Grazing Workshop, featuring Steve Kenyon will be hosted in Portage la Prairie at the Stride Place Multipurpose room on January 15<sup>th</sup>, and in Ashern at the Ashern Centennial Hall on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, both starting at 10:00 a.m.</div></div>	

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11.0	<div>GROW 2025-2027</div> <div>The WIWD was invited to submit a full proposal for the <i>‘Building watershed resiliency: A Sustainable Path 2025’</i> in the amount of \$580,000.00. Proposal intake opened on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and will close on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The GROW Coordinator is in the process of finalizing the proposal, and will work towards sending a copy of the final proposal to the LGC via email prior to proposal submission.</div>	
	<div>NEW BUSINESS</div>	
12.0	<div>Windbreak Panels</div> <div>The Local GROW committee discussed the limit per producer, and eligibility requirements for Windbreak panels under the GROW program.</div> <div>213-24: J. Cruise – B. Sigfusson</div> <div>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approves to fund up to 10 windbreak panels per producer at 75%, when used in conjunction with current or existing Alternative Watering System projects or rotational grazing projects.</div>	CARRIED
	<div>Review of Action Items:</div> <div>Action Items from LGC meeting #38-24, November 18, 2024</div> <div><div>N / A</div></div>	
13.0	<div>NEXT MEETING:</div> <div>December 9, 2024</div> <div>1:00 p.m.</div> <div>WIWD Office</div>	
14.0	<div>ADJOURNMENT</div> <div>214-24: J. Cruise – B. Sigfusson</div> <div>BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 12:54 p.m.</div>	CARRIED
	<div>These minutes are the writer's best interpretation of discussions held during the meeting. Please inform the writer of any noteworthy omissions or errors</div>	
	<div>Bill Fleury, LGC Chairperson</div> <div>Irina Zotter, Manager / GROW Coordinator</div>	