

MINUTES OF MEETING NO.70-25

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PRESENT:	T. Nevakshonoff M. McLelland D. Germain S. Hofer J. Stefanson B. Fleury J. Cruise C. Howse C. Cuvelier I. Zotter K. Christensen D. Chartrand	Chairperson Board Appointee/Vice Chair Director Director Director Director Provincial Appointee Director Watershed Planner Manager/GROW Coordinator Financial Administrator Admin	WIWD WIWD Dog Lake Sub-District Swan Creek Sub-District Shoal Lake Sub District Lake Francis Sub-District WIWD / MAW Lake St. Martin Sub District MECP WIWD WIWD WIWD
REGRETS:	B. Sigfusson	Board Appointee	WIWD
WRITTEN BY:	D. Chartrand	Admin	WIWD

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	Call To Order T. Nevakshonoff called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.	
2.0	Approval of Agenda <u>619-25: S. Hofer – D.Germain</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the agenda as presented.	CARRIED
3.0	Approval of Minutes <u>620-25: D. Germain – J. Cruise</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adopted the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting # 69-25, September 18 th , 2025, as presented, with the amendments of correcting the names on resolution 617-25 to J. Cruise and S. Hofer.	CARRIED
4.0	Financial Report	
4.1	Bank Activity K. Christensen presented the financial report: Access Credit Union Statement of Accounts from September 1 st , 2025 – September 30 th , 2025; Bank Account Transactions Report from August 19 th , 2025 – September 30 th , 2025. Expenditures to date: April 1 st , 2025 – September 30 th , 2025 <u>621-25: B. Fleury – J. Stefanson</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved expenses of August 19 th , 2025 – September 30 th , 2025 of \$228,358.82 (#2288-2290, #2291-VOID, #2292-2360); Access Credit Union Statement of Accounts from September 1st, 2025 – September 30th, 2025; Expenditures to date: April 1st, 2025 – September 30th, 2025	CARRIED
5.0	In Camera Discussion M. McLelland, along with staff, was asked to leave the room. <u>622-25: J. Cruise – D. Germain</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves to move in-camera at 9:24 a.m.	CARRIED

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	<p>623-25: D. Germain – J. Cruise BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves to move out-of-camera at 9:55 a.m.</p> <p>After discussion, the Board concluded that WIWD requires specialized support in financial management and professional development, and that M. McLelland has the expertise to provide these services as a consultant.</p> <p>624-25: J. Cruise – D. Germain BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the hiring of M. McLelland as a consultant to provide support in financial management and professional development until the work is completed.</p> <p>Further resolved that the Provincial Watershed Planner is directed to confirm with the appropriate provincial officials that there is no conflict of interest associated with this engagement.</p> <p>Further resolved that this resolution is effective as of September 18, 2025.</p>	CARRIED
6.0	New Business	
6.1	<p>AGM</p> <p>Will be held November 20th, 2025, Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the AGM to follow at 7:00 p.m.</p>	
7.0	Old Business	
7.1	<p>Narcisse DU Project</p> <p>T. Nevakshonoff provided a verbal update.</p>	
7.2	<p>NW IWMP</p> <p>C. Cuvelier provided a verbal update on the IWMP stating that the members who sit on the project management team (PMT) will need to be appointed by resolution. A meeting will be held at the Grahamdale RM office at a later date.</p>	

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7.3	<p>RALP Program</p> <p>RALP 2023-2024 Projects: T00072 "Exclusion Fencing in the West Interlake Watershed District to Enhance and Restore Riparian Areas" and T00071 "Creating Pollinator Habitats in the West Interlake Watershed District" –reports have been submitted; the remaining funds have not been received yet.</p> <p>Staff are working with previously identified producers and recruiting new ones to participate in and complete the projects.</p> <p>RALP 2024-2025 Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agroforestry Establishment in the West Interlake Watershed District (\$20,000.00) • Exclusion Fencing in the West Interlake Watershed District to Enhance and Restore Riparian Areas (\$100,000.00) • Cultivating Environmental Resilience through Perennial Forage Establishment. (\$100,000.00) • <p>RALP 2025-2026 Projects: Proposals were submitted, and funding has been confirmed for the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 Riparian Restoration and Water Quality Improvement in the West Interlake Watershed (\$100,000.00) • Cultivating Environmental Resilience through Perennial Forage Establishment in the West Interlake Watershed in 2025-2026 (\$100,00.00) • Agroforestry Establishment in the West Interlake Watershed District 2025-2026 (\$21,900.00) <p>Intake for the 2026-2027 RALP has opened and will close on November 6th, 2025</p>		
7.4	<p>GROW Program</p> <p>LOI for 'Building Watershed Resilience: A Sustainable Path 2026' was submitted October 3rd, requesting \$730,000.00 in funds. A copy of meeting minutes from Local Grow Committee (LGC) meeting #44-25 were presented in meeting package.</p>		
7.5	<p>PWCP</p> <p>Funds are all currently allocated, still accepting applications, however, they will be put on a waiting list.</p>		
7.6	<p>Conservation Trust (CT)</p> <p>2025-2026 project is in progress; LOI's for 'Sisal Twine as an Alternative to Plastic Twine – Reducing Micro-Plastics on Our Landscape' requesting \$52,000.00 in funds, and 'Gaining Indigenous Perspectives in the Development of Climate Adaptation Strategies in the West Interlake Watershed District' requesting \$25,000.00 in funds were submitted on October 3rd.</p>		
7.7	<p>Green Municipal Fund</p> <p>The proposal "Conduct a community-wide climate risk assessment to identify and analyze multiple climate hazards and vulnerabilities affecting the WIWD" that was submitted to the Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation: Climate Ready Plans and Process program has been approved. The WIWD was awarded for a grant of up to \$70,000.00. Waiting to receive funding agreement.</p>		
7.8	<p>Conservation and Climate Fund</p>		

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	Manager continues to work with the RM of West Interlake and H. Venema on the development of the proposed project. Agreement for \$15,000 has been signed.	
7.9	Office Renovations Due to the status of cash flow, the decision was made to hold off on window replacement until the spring of 2026.	
7.10	FWEF WIWD was invited to submit a full proposal – Due October 31 st , 2025. Technician D. Kaartinen has a scheduled meeting with fisheries branch of Manitoba to discuss how to improve our proposal – D. Germain and C. Howse to join the meeting virtually.	
8.0	Reports	
8.1	Financial Administrator Report Attached	
8.2	Manager / GROW Coordinator Report Attached	
8.3	Technician Report Attached	
8.4	Environmental Technician Assistant 1 Report Attached	
8.5	Environmental Technician Assistant 2 Report Attached	
8.6	Chairperson Report T. Nevakshonoff provided a verbal update	
8.7	MAW Rep Report J. Cruise provided a brief verbal update	
8.8	Watershed Planner Report C. Cuvelier provided an update. Provincial Update – October 2025 was provided in meeting package.	
9.0	Sub-District Recommendations	

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9.1	Report on Climate Adaptation and Disaster Mitigation Workshop Tabled	
9.2	Recommendations Swan Creek Sub-District Meeting was held October 14 th , 2025 Shoal Lake / Lake Francis Meeting to be held October 20 th , 2025 Dog Lake / Lake St. Martin to be held October 21 st , 2025. Recommendations will be presented at the AGM on November 20 th , 2025.	
10.0	Correspondence N/A	
11.0	NEXT MEETING: November 20 th , 2025 3:00 p.m. Oak Point Community Hall	
13.0	ADJOURNMENT <u>625-25: – D. Germain – S. Hofer</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 12:10 p.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	
	<hr/> Tom Nevakshonoff, Chairperson WIWD <hr/> <hr/> Irina Zotter, Manager / GROW Coordinator WIWD <hr/>	