

MINUTES OF MEETING NO.70-25

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

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

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	<p><b><u>623-25: D. Germain – J. Cruise</u></b> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> 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><b><u>624-25: J. Cruise – D. Germain</u></b> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> 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><b>Further resolved</b> 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><b>Further resolved</b> that this resolution is effective as of September 18, 2025.</p>	<b>CARRIED</b>	
6.0	<b>New Business</b>		
6.1	<p><b>AGM</b></p> <p>Will be held November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the AGM to follow at 7:00 p.m.</p>		
7.0	<b>Old Business</b>		
7.1	<p><b>Narcisse DU Project</b></p> <p>T. Nevakshonoff provided a verbal update.</p>		
7.2	<p><b>NW IWMP</b></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><b>RALP Program</b></p> <p><b>RALP 2023-2024 Projects:</b> 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><b>RALP 2024-2025 Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agroforestry Establishment in the West Interlake Watershed District (\$20,000.00)</li><li>• Exclusion Fencing in the West Interlake Watershed District to Enhance and Restore Riparian Areas (\$100,000.00)</li><li>• Cultivating Environmental Resilience through Perennial Forage Establishment. (\$100,000.00)</li><li>• </li></ul> <p><b>RALP 2025-2026 Projects:</b> Proposals were submitted, and funding has been confirmed 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> <p>Intake for the 2026-2027 RALP has opened and will close on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025</p>	
7.4	<p><b>GROW Program</b></p> <p>LOI for ‘Building Watershed Resilience: A Sustainable Path 2026’ was submitted October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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><b>PWCP</b></p> <p>Funds are all currently allocated, still accepting applications, however, they will be put on a waiting list.</p>	
7.6	<p><b>Conservation Trust (CT)</b></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 3<sup>rd</sup>.</p>	
7.7	<p><b>Green Municipal Fund</b></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><b>Conservation and Climate Fund</b></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	<b>Office Renovations</b>  Due to the status of cash flow, the decision was made to hold off on window replacement until the spring of 2026.		
7.10	<b>FWEF</b>  WIWD was invited to submit a full proposal – Due October 31 <sup>st</sup> , 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	<b>Reports</b>		
8.1	<b>Financial Administrator Report</b>  Attached		
8.2	<b>Manager / GROW Coordinator Report</b>  Attached		
8.3	<b>Technician Report</b>  Attached		
8.4	<b>Environmental Technician Assistant 1 Report</b>  Attached		
8.5	<b>Environmental Technician Assistant 2 Report</b>  Attached		
8.6	<b>Chairperson Report</b>  T. Nevakshonoff provided a verbal update		
8.7	<b>MAW Rep Report</b>  J. Cruise provided a brief verbal update		
8.8	<b>Watershed Planner Report</b>  C. Cuvelier provided an update. Provincial Update – October 2025 was provided in meeting package.		
9.0	<b>Sub-District Recommendations</b>		

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