West Interlake Watershed District
Box 732, 9 Main Street
Lundar, Manitoba R0C 1Y0

MINUTES OF MEETING NO.20-24

NAME Dog Lake Sub District
LOCATION RM of Grahamdale, RM Office

DATE September 16, 2024

PRESENT:	D. Germain	Sub District Chairperson	Dog Lake Sub District
	J. Nickel (phone)	Sub District Vice Chair	Dog Lake Sub District
	G. Metner	Sub District Member	Dog Lake Sub District
	I. Zotter	Manager / GROW Coordinator	WIWD
	K. Christensen	Financial Administrator	WIWD
REGRETS:	L. Finney	Sub District Member	Dog Lake Sub District
WRITTEN BY:	K. Christensen	Financial Administrator	WIWD

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	**CALL TO ORDER** D. Germain called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.	
2.0	**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** **DL57-24: G. Metner – J. Nickel** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Sub District approve the agenda as presented.	**CARRIED**
3.0	**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **DL58-24: G. Metner J. Nickel** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Sub District approved the minutes DL 19-24 April 16th, 2024 as presented.	**CARRIED**
4.0	**FINANCIAL REPORT**	
4.1	**Expenditures to Date** Financial Administrator presented the expenditures spent to date, April 1st, 2024 – September 11th, 2024.	
4.2	**2024-2025 Final Budget** Financial Administrator presented the 2024-2025 Final Budget while presenting the Expenditures to date.	
4.3	**Audit 2023-2024** A copy of 2023-2024 audit was provided to members.	
5.0	**Old Business**	
5.1	**Programming Update** Manager provided members with programming totals for the 2023-24 fiscal year, and program totals to date for the 2024-25 fiscal year. There was discussion regarding the well sealing programing, as there are not as many licenced contractors in the area anymore making it difficult for timely project completion. Manager updated members on the success of the new Bird House and Bee House initiative, as well as the FoodCycler Rebate program.	

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5.2	**WIWD Expansion** The Manager informed members that the expansion was officially finalized on July 5th, 2024. Letters were sent to the 7 existing partnering Municipalities providing two options for their 2024-25 Levies; Option #1: transfer unmatched portions to local levies; Option #2: Adjust second half of levies and issue a new invoice.	
6.0	**New Business**	
6.1	**Tree Program** The community Tree Nursery Program opened on September 1st, the WIWD will be covering $80.00 per applicant, intake closes on October 15th. Staff worked on developing a program that will accommodate all residents of the district, as the current Community Tree Nursery Program could pose possible barriers to some residents from our new partnering Municipalities. In an effort to better accommodate all residents, staff developed the TreeTime Rebate Pilot Project that will be implemented in the spring of 2025. The pilot project will allow residents to purchase trees through TreeTime.ca in the fall of 2024, and have the trees shipped directly to them in the spring of 2025. Residents then fill out a rebate form, and submit all required documents to the WIWD office to receive an $80.00 rebate towards the purchase of their trees. Manager brought forward a complaint the office had received from a concerned resident regarding the TreeTime Rebate Pilot Project, discussion was held amongst members. In conclusion, members felt that a rebate program would be the most beneficial to the district and its residents.	
6.2	**Upcoming Events** The WIWD is hosting a Grazing Management & Soil Health Workshop on September 20th, 2024. Starting at the Parish Hall in St.Laurent, Connor English, Territory Manager for Cover's & Co., will give a presentation on rotational grazing and the impacts it has on soil health. Lunch will be catered by LakeView Garden. Following lunch will be on-site project tours, highlighting Alternative Watering Systems, and a Riparian Area Management project. The Manitoba Forage & Beef Initiative (MBFI) will be hosting their annual Conference in Portage la Prairie on October 30th, 2024. The WIWD will be sending up to 10 representatives to attend. The Manitoba Forage & Grasslands Association (MFGA) will be hosting their annual Regen Ag Conference on November 12th & 13th, at the Victoria Inn in Brandon. The WIWD will be sending up to 9 representatives to attend. The annual Manitoba Association of Watersheds (MAW) will be held December 2nd – 4th, at the Canad Inns in Brandon. The WIWD will be sending up to 12 representatives to attend. The WIWD Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on November 21st, 2024. As the district has expanded, members were asked for their preference on location. Members felt keeping it central would be fair.	

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6.3	**NW IWMP** Manage gave update on current status of NW IWMP, still looking for residents who wish to sit on the Project Management Team (PMT). Once PMT is established, a meeting will be scheduled.	
7.0	**NEXT MEETING:** February 10th, 2025 6:00 p.m. RM of Grahamdale, RM office	
8.0	**ADJOURNMENT** **DL59-24: G. Metner** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we adjourn at 9:25 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	
	_____ **Dwayne Germain, Dog Lake Sub District Chairperson** _____ **Irian Zotter, WIWD Manager / GROW Coordinator**	