

MINUTES OF MEETING NO.17-22

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Present:

N. Brandstrom	Member	WIWD
J. Cruise	Member	Producer
B. Sigfusson	Member	WIWD
H. Rosing	Member	Producer
D. Timmerman (telephone)	Watershed planner	ARD
L. Miller	Manager / Financial Admin	WIWD / Producer
I. Zotter	Admin. Assistant	WIWD
K. Benson	GIS Technician	WIWD

REGRETS:

B. Fleury	Member	WIWD/Producer
T. Cook	Member	Producer

WRITTEN BY: I. Zotter/K. Benson

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>N. Brandstrom called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.</p>	
2.0	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p><u>73-22: J. Cruise – H. Rosing</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Local Grow Committee (LGC) approved the agenda as presented.</p>	CARRIED
3.0	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p><u>74-22: H. Rosing – J. Cruise</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approved the minutes of the LGC Meeting # 16-22 March 24, 2022 as presented.</p>	CARRIED
4.0	<p>GROW Trust 2020-2022 and GROW Trust 2021-2023</p> <p>L. Miller updated LGC on available GROW funds and presented Projected Project Cost.</p>	
4.1	<p>Approval of 2022-2023 Applications</p> <p>The LGC reviewed applications for the 2022 year. The following questions were addressed:</p> <p>a). Is clearing bush for cross fence an eligible expense?</p> <p>Members discussed the topic. In most cases this question will be addressed based on individual project's details. If site inspection confirms that clearing bush to install fence is necessary, expenses related to clearing will be eligible.</p>	

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	<p>Maximum allowed width for clearing bush to install cross fence will be 100 FT. Expenses related to clearing bush beyond 100 ft are not eligible for reimbursement through GROW Program, but can be used as “match” contribution</p> <p>b). Can you seed perennials at the end of your third year of cover crops, after your 3rd crop has been taken off the field?</p> <p>Transitioning from crop land to perennial forage establishment on same parcel of land is acceptable, as long as these activities are representing two different practices.</p> <p>75-22: J. Cruise – H. Rosing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approved the following applications pending available funding and project site inspections:</p> <p><u>Alternative Watering Systems/ Riparian Fencing/ Cross Fencing:</u> Jack Cruise Richard Lachance Allen Rawluk David Darknell</p> <p><u>Cover Crops:</u> David Darknell Collin Bennett Lorna Law David Gleich</p> <p><u>Perennial Forages:</u> David Darknell Cody Lucier Samuel Bolay David Gleich Ron Bennett Glen Gudmundson Wayne Hayward Larry McCauly</p>	CARRIED
4.2	<p>Payment Rate</p> <p>Members discussed payment rates. Pending available funding, payments rates will remain unchanged at this time, with the exception of payment rate for the Riparian Fencing.</p> <p>76-22: B. Sigfusson – K. Knickel BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approved that Riparian Fencing Projects to be reimbursed at 100% for materials and supplies and 50% for labour and equipment.</p>	CARRIED
4.3	<p>Riparian Area Scoring Sheet</p> <p>The LGC reviewed the Riparian Area Conservation Evaluation Sheet. Presented evaluation system will be used for pasture land only. Committee Members decided to review Riparian Area Conservation Projects at next GROW Meeting and to apply scoring principals in practice during project’s evaluation.</p> <p>77-21: J. Cruise – H. Rosing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approved the Riparian Area Conservation Evaluation Sheet pending final review of applications.</p>	CARRIED
4.4	<p>Shelterbelts</p>	

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	<p>The LGC discussed Shelterbelt Program. First few proposed projects to establish shelterbelts will be used as a pilot projects to identify requirements, conditions and stipulations for the Program. Staff to contact RMs and to inquire if they have a By-Law pertaining to shelterbelt establishment.</p> <p><u>78-21: I. Zotter – J. Cruise</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approved to provide financial assistance to Darrell Hueging, Darcy Hueging, Margarita Openiano, and Randy Kehler for Shelterbelt Establishment Project at the rate of 35% of the total project cost.</p>	CARRIED
<p style="text-align: center;">4.5</p>	<p>Wetlands</p> <p>New Expression of Interest to create a wetland or a water retention basin submitted to the Office. Members of the GROW committee will inspect the location to determine if proposed activities are eligible under the GROW Program.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">5.0</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To be determined</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">6.0</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p><u>79-22: B. Sigfusson - J. Cruise</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 3.15 p.m.</p>	CARRIED
	<p>These minutes are the writer's best interpretation of discussions held during the meeting. Please inform the writer of any noteworthy omissions or errors</p>	
	<hr/> <p>Neil Brandstrom, Chairperson</p> <p>LGC</p> <hr/> <p>Linda Miller, Manager / Member LGC</p>	