

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 26-23

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PRESENT:	N. Brandstrom	Member (Chairperson)	WIWD
	J. Cruise	Member (Vice- Chair)	Producer / WIWD
	B. Sigfusson	Member	WIWD
	B. Fleury	Member	Producer / WIWD
	H. Rosing	Member	Producer
	T. Cook	Member	Producer
	I. Zotter	Member (GROW Coordinator)	WIWD
	K. Christensen	Financial Administrator	WIWD
	D. Kaartinen	Resource Technician	WIWD
	D. Timmerman	Watershed Planner	ARD

REGRETS:

WRITTEN BY: I. Zotter

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1.0	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>N. Brandstrom called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.</p>	
2.0	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p><u>135-23 J. Cruise– H. Rosing</u></p> <p>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>136-23: B. Fleury – NB. Sigfusson</u></p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approved the minutes of the LGC Meeting # 25-23 May 18, 2023 as presented</p>	CARRIED
4.0	<p>GROW and PWCP Funds and Programs terms Update</p> <p>GROW coordinator, I. Zotter, updated committee members on available funds on hand from GROW 2021–2023, 2022–2024, and 2023–2025. Awarded GROW Funds for Project Establishment over these three terms: \$1,145,262.00</p> <p>Expended to date: \$333,088.00</p> <p>Remaining available funds: \$812,174.00</p> <p>Estimated projected funds for approved applications: \$655,916.00</p> <p>WIWD will have approximately \$156,000 left if all submitted projects are completed before March 31, 2024.</p> <p>The WIWD will need funds to support the Cover Crops Program as the contracts with producers must be fulfilled in the following years.</p> <p>There is no intake under Shelterbelts activities. A suggestion was made that this Program must have better offers in order to attract applicants.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Technician D. Kaartinen updated committee members on available funds under the PWCP programs.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The WIWD is pretty close to expend all available funds for the 2023–2024 fiscal year; funds for the rotational grazing are reserved for projects on hand. A waiting list</p>	

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	<p>was created for the applicants who would like to participate in the program once new funds are received. Up-to-date projected costs of Projects on hand are:</p> <p>Rotational Grazing: \$314,045.00</p> <p>Cover Crops: \$74,340.00</p> <p>Nitrogen Management: \$151,016.00</p> <p>Documentation of current funds is on file at the WIWD office.</p>	
5	GROW Program and Rates Review	
5.1	<p>Changes to the Perennial Forage Establishment Program</p> <p>I. Zotter presented the idea of increasing the payment for perennial establishment projects. The current reimbursement rate is 75% of perennial seed costs. The proposed new reimbursement rate is 75% of perennial seed costs plus an additional \$10 per acre for seeding.</p> <p>The LGC discussed this matter and decided not to increase rates at this time, as there is a possibility of insufficient funds under the GROW Program in the future. Incorporate potential increases in the next GROW Proposal.</p>	
5.2	<p>Changes to the Alternative Watering Systems activities</p> <p>Manitoba Agriculture Announced the Sustainable Agriculture Manitoba (SAM) Program. Under the Water Management category, Water Supply is listed as a Beneficial Management Practice (BMP 4700).</p> <p>This practice is available to Primary Producers at a 50:50 cost share up to \$15000.</p> <p>A suggestion was made to reduce financial assistance for drilling a new well to 50%. The committee discussed the proposed idea.</p> <p><u>137-23 J. Cruise - H. Rosing</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approved to provide financial assistance from GROW Funds to drill a new well at 50% and to install an Alternative Watering System at 75% cost share ratio, up to a maximum of \$15,000</p> <p>The committee discussed eligible components of the watering system. Security cameras and wind generators are eligible expenses. Gas generators are not eligible. Mobile watering systems will be more promoted by the GROW Committee than stationary ones.</p> <p>Committee members discussed whether the holding tank would be allowed as a water source, as it was proposed in one of the projects. The approval of this project is on hold until more information is collected. Staff to set up an appointment for Project Inspection by the Committee Member.</p> <p>The WIWD received confirmation from Manitoba Agriculture: funds were approved (\$100,000) under Manitoba's Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program for installation of the riparian fence along Wagon Creek and Burnt Lake Drains. Funds for the alternative watering systems (AWS) were not requested at the time of the proposal. The Project will require the installation of two AWS at each location. Committee members discussed this matter.</p>	CARRIED

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	<p><u>138-23 J. Cruise – B. Fleury</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approved to provide financial assistance from GROW Funds for the installation of two AWS on each side of the Wagon Creek Drain for C. Johnson and each side of the Burn Lake Drain for M. Christensen</p>	CARRIED
5.3	<p>Advanced Payment</p> <p>Some applicants inquired about payment in advance, citing the fact that the cost of some projects can be significant and can affect cash flow at their enterprises.</p> <p>The committee discussed the possibility of issuing a payment in advance. Following the discussion, the majority of committee members opposed the concept of an advance payment, as this would increase the workload for the district’s staff and pose a financial risk for the WIWD.</p>	
6.0	<p>Approval of GROW Applications</p>	
7.1	<p>Committee reviewed presented Projects.</p> <p>Staff to submit a request to MAW to allow manure spreading on perennial forages fields without deep incorporation. J. Cruise will address this with members at the next MAW Board Meeting. Staff to contact R. Bittner to find out more information pertaining to this topic, as he completed the study for the MB Agriculture in the past.</p> <p>Staff to discuss the proposed AWS location with L. Thorgilsson and to make a suggestion to position the AWS at the cross-fence corner line.</p> <p><u>139-23: B. Fleury – T. Cook</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approved the following projects based on applications submitted to date, to be funded through the PWCP or GROW Program for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The Project must adhere to all the PWCP or GROW guidelines established by the MAW or the MHHC, as well as the LGC WIWD guidelines. Funding is contingent on the completion of the Final Project Inspection and the availability of funds.</p> <p>➤ BMP: Nitrogen Management:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">-Activity: Soil Testing</p> <p>Brad Dreger Glen Gudmundson David Gall Darcy Hueging Sam Bolay</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">-Activity: ESN/Urease Inhibitors</p> <p>Norman Frankemolle Scott Gillson Patrick Chanel Allen Rawluk</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">-Activity: Compost Tea</p> <p>Tyson Cook</p>	CARRIED

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	<p style="text-align: center;">-Activity: Equipment Upgrade for Fertilization</p> <p>Ross Jeremy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Activity: Manure Spreading</p> <p>Earl Sigurdson Glen Gudmundson Henry Hueging Lyle Thorgilsson Mathew Christensen Michael Mott Scott Kinkead David Gall Karl Hueging Theodore Fuchs Jessie Dyck</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Activity: Adding Legumes to the crop Rotation</p> <p>Craig Kaartinen Jack Cruise Mark Hickman</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">➤ BMP: Cover Cropping:</p> <p>Ed Hummel Glenn Gudmundson Jessie Dyck Karen & Kevin Lindal Lonny Farthing Michael Mott Michael Vigfusson Scott Kinkead TJ Osullivan Allen Rawluk Darcy Hueging Gregory Bednarek David Voth</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">➤ BMP: Rotational Grazing:</p> <p>Craig Kaartinen Glen Gudmundson Karen & Kevin Lindal Lyle Thorgilsson Norman Frankemolle TJ O'Sullivan</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">➤ BMP: Perennial Forage Establishment</p> <p>Darcy Hueging Jack Cruise Earl Sigurdson Jason Bittner Jason Nickel Theodor Fuchs Jon Magarrell</p>	

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	<p>EUR Ranches Kyle McCosh</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">➤ BMP: Cover Crops</p> <p>Scott Gilson</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">➤ BMP: Alternative Watering systems and Riparian Fencing</p> <p>Glenn Gudmundson Lyle Thorgilsson Scott Kinkead Mathew Christensen Tom Johnson Darcy Hueging David Gall TJ O’Sullivan</p>	
	<p>The WIWD received a letter from J. Yanke informing that, due to extreme wet conditions, he was unable to seed Cover Crops for the second consecutive year on land enrolled in the Agreement in 2021. Out of 278 acres, he was able to seed Cover Crops only on SW 6-26-7W (17 acres). GROW Committee members discussed the issue and acknowledged that the WIWD may encounter similar situations with other producers. The LGC accepts that the producer had good faith to fulfill his obligations but was unable to do so due to unpredictable weather conditions.</p> <p>140-23: J. Cruise – T. Cook BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approved to terminate contract for J. Yanke to seed cover crops on 40 acres on NW 19-26-7W, 111 acres on SW 10-26-7W and 110 acres on NW 10-26-7W due to extremely wet conditions.</p>	CARRIED
7.0	<p>Election</p> <p>The WIWD GROW Committee has not had an Election of a Committee Chair and a Vice Chair since its establishment.</p> <p>According to Policy 2.21 "Standing Committee" approved by Resolution # 207-22 on May 19, 2022 where under "COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP" it states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The West Interlake LGC membership will be determined every second year at the Executive Board Meeting following the AGM and recorded as an approved motion in the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, according to the requirements for membership noted in the GROW Guide; • The terms of membership will be reviewed after 2 years. • At least one member of the board should be appointed to the LGC; • The LGC will elect a Chairperson and a Vice-chairperson every two years after review; the Chairperson is responsible for reporting to the board on behalf of the LGC through recorded minutes or other written reports; <p>Member to the GROW Committee were appointed by the Executive Board during the Executive Board Meeting # 38-23 on January 19, 2023 by resolution # 305-23.</p>	

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	<p>SECONDER: B. Sigfusson</p> <p><u>VICE CHAIR: WIWD GROW Committee</u></p> <p><u>FIRST CALL</u> FOR NOMINATIONS FOR VICE- CHAIR</p> <p>MOVER: B. Fleury</p> <p>SECONDER: T. Cook NOMINATE: H. Rosing</p> <p><u>SECOND CALL</u> FOR NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIR</p> <p>MOVER: I. Zotter</p> <p>SECONDER: N. Brandstrom NOMINATE: J. Cruise</p> <p><u>THIRD CALL</u> FOR NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIR</p> <p>MOVER:</p> <p>SECONDER: NOMINATE:</p> <p>MOVE THAT NOMINATIONS CEASE</p> <p>MOVER: J. Cruise</p> <p>SECONDER: H. Rosing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IF THERE ARE MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE: ELECTION TO BE BY a) <u>SECRET BALLOT</u> OR b) <u>SHOW OF HAND</u> <p>ELECTION TO BE HELD BY a) <u>Secret Ballot</u></p> <table data-bbox="219 1822 1209 1903"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>NAME</u></th> <th></th> <th><u># OF VOTES</u></th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>H. Rosing</td> <td></td> <td>4</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>J. Cruise</td> <td></td> <td>3</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>AFTER COUNT: <u>H. Rosing</u> is declared VICE-CHAIR</p> <p>MOVE THAT BALLOTS BE DESTROYED</p> <p>MOVED BY: T. Cook</p> <p>SECONDER: J. Cruise</p> <p>MOTION TO ADJOURN: at 12:17 p.m.</p> <p>MOVER: J. Cruise</p> <p>SECONDER: I. Zotter</p>	<u>NAME</u>		<u># OF VOTES</u>		H. Rosing		4		J. Cruise		3		
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