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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
 B. Sigfusson Board Appointee WIWD
 E. Zotter Member Shoal Lake Sub District
 D. Timmerman Watershed Planner MECP
 I. Zotter Manager/GROW Coordinator WIWD
 K. Christensen Financial Administrator WIWD

REGRETS: C. Howse Director Lake St. Martin Sub District

WRITTEN BY: K. Christensen Financial Administrator WIWD

| ITEM | | ACTION BY |
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| 1.0 | <p>Call To Order</p> <p>T. Nevakshonoff called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.</p> | |
| 2.0 | <p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p><u>461-24: M. McLelland – J. Cruise</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the agenda as presented with the additions of 8.16 NW IWMP.</p> | CARRIED |
| 3.0 | <p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p><u>462-24: B. Sigfusson – S. Hofer</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adopted the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting #52-24, March 21, 2024 as presented.</p> | CARRIED |
| 4.0 | <p>Delegation</p> <p>T. Teetart, Natural Area Manager with Nature Conservancy provided the WIWD Executive Board with an update on current projects and programs Nature Conservancy Canada is carrying out.</p> | |
| 5.0 | <p>Financial Report</p> | |
| 5.1 | <p>Bank Activity</p> <p>K. Christensen presented the financial report:</p> <p>Access Credit Union Statement of Accounts from March 1st to March 31st, 2024; Bank Account Transactions Report from March 19th, 2024 to March 31st, 2024; CIBC Credit Card Details from January 22nd, 2024 to February 21st, 2024; Collabria Credit Card Details from January 30th, 2024 to February 27th, 2024; Expenditures to Date: April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024; Comparative Income Statement April 1st, 2023 – March 31st, 2024.</p> <p><u>463-24: B. Fleury – J. Stefanson</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the expenses of March 19th, 2024 to March 31st, 2024 of \$51,856.79 (cheques # 1421-1456); Access Credit Union Statement of Accounts March 1st to March 31st, 2024; Bank Account Transactions Report from March 19th, 2024 to March 31st, 2024; CIBC Credit Card Details from</p> | CARRIED |

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| | <p>January 22nd, 2024 to February 21st, 2024; Collabria Credit Card Details from January 30th, 2024 to February 27th, 2024; Expenditures to Date: April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024; Comparative Income Statement April 1st, 2023 – March 31st, 2024.</p> | |
| 6.0 | <p>Reports</p> | |
| 6.1 | <p>Financial Administrator Report</p> <p>Payroll Financials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Changed payment method for Starlink, cancelled CIBC Visa card. ➤ Remuneration cheques ➤ Closed off the year-end. ➤ Started on the Q4 report, due April 25th (Audit due on June 30th) <p>Admin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wrote mtg minutes for: Executive mtg #53-24, March 21, 2024; Shoal Lake Sub-District mtg 20-24, March 13, 2024; Swan Creek Sub-District mtg 17-24 March 20, 2024; LGC mtg 33-24 April 8, 2024 ➤ Mailed out remuneration cheques ➤ Prepared and mailed out Levy receipts to RM's ➤ Prepared packages for the LGC and Executive meeting <p>Funding Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Organized funding workshops (created flyer, booked venues, advertised –hung flyer up throughout communities, created social media posts) <p>Water Testing Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Contacted all RM's to ensure their participation in the program. ➤ Created Flyer and Request Form ➤ Advertised – hung flyers up throughout communities, emailed to RM 's (email to residents will be going out shortly) <p>Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ LGC mtg# 33-24, April 8, 2024 ➤ GROW Coordinators mtg – April 9, 2024 (zoom) ➤ Database mtg – April 9, 2024 (zoom) ➤ Narcisse DU mtg – April 12, 2024 (Lundar AG Building) <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Phone calls/meetings with producers regarding current and future applications ➤ WIWD monthly newsletter ➤ Water Samples at the Burnt Lake Drain with D. Kaartinen | |
| 6.2 | <p>Managers / GROW Coordinator Report</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Project Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Communication with contractor pertaining to quotes to install crossings at Wagon Creek and Burnt Lake Drains. Will be waiting to install crossings until June 15, 2024 ➤ Follow-ups on Projects and communication with existing applicants (PWCP, GROW, well sealing, fuel tank rebate) ➤ Communicated with Tamara Zary, Horizon Lab supervisor, regarding the Water Testing Days Program. Verified the Chain of Custody Form for 2024 and coordinated dates for bottle pickup and distribution ➤ Communication with Dan Cox and Lynda Nicol pertaining to PWCP. ➤ Communication with A.M. Bruce Drilling regarding ongoing projects has been initiated. An outstanding invoice for the well sealing that took place in 2022 has been processed. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Communication with C. Williams regarding interim reports on project T00072 “Exclusion Fencing in the West Interlake Watershed District to Enhance and Restore Riparian Areas”. Submitted Advance report, Status Update report, Expense report, and Landowners report. ➤ Communication with participants in the Project T00072 regarding their statements of completion (EFP). Calculated labour and equipment expenses for the fence installation. Invoices have been obtained and submitted to C. Williams. ➤ Communication with A. Belanger (Manager of EIWD) and J. Reid (Manager of Redboine WD) regarding collaboration on Tree and Water Sample Days Programs. ➤ Communication with applicants for Water Testing Days <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Funding</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Submitted Application for up to \$18,000 to cover up to 75% of salary to Eco Canada for Youth Employment in Natural Resources Program. (denied) Applied for up to \$25,000 to cover up to 80% of salary to Eco Canada under Science Horizons Youth Internship Program. (approved). Communication with Eco Canada representatives. ➤ Research on the potential funding with Grant Station. ➤ Preliminary research and draft of the application for a grant from the Fund for Wild Nature to request funds to support the Bat Houses Program ➤ Communication with D. Cox regarding 2024-2025 PWCP funding. Approved PWCP funding for 2024-2025: \$685,000.00. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NWIWMP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meeting with Dale via online to review IWMP and identify next steps on April 5, 2024 <p style="text-align: center;"><u>IRNR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Communication with mayor and CAO of Homebrook Peonan Point. ➤ Communication with Stewart Sabiston and his team. ➤ Received the MRN Agreement. Agreement has been signed by all parties. ➤ Communication with appointee to the GROW Committee from Peonan Point – Jacob Olson. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Workshops/Conferences</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Manitoba Organic Alliance webinar pertaining to available funding on March 27, 2024 <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meeting with Andrew Janzic, EPt, ECO Canada Recruiter, pertaining to access to HR through Eco Canada Services on March 25, 2024. ➤ Monthly WD & EGS Manitoba - Lunch & Learn Series, organized by Planning Intelligence Inc., on April 3, 2024 ➤ WIWD GROW Meeting on April 8, 2024 (The preparation of the agenda and supporting documentation). ➤ Manager’s Meeting April 4, 2024 ➤ GROW Coordinators Meeting on April 10, 2024 ➤ Monthly EGS Manitoba Working Group Meeting organized by Planning Intelligence Inc., on April 10, 2024 ➤ Organized and attended meeting on April 12 at 1:00 p.m. dedicated to DU Project at Narcisse ➤ Dog Lake and Lake St. Martin Sub Districts Meeting on April 16, 2024 (Agenda and supporting documentation) | |
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- Meeting with H. Rosing as a rotational grazing advisor for the Interlake area on the behalf of MBFA on April 17, 2024
- Executive Board Meeting (The preparation of the agenda and supporting documentation) on April 18, 2024

WIWD Expansion

- Received funds for 2024-2025, Final Budget is due May 13, 2024

Social Media

- Created content for social media (Facebook and Instagram) with Canva: general, workshops, Water testing Days, Job posting
- Scheduled content with Meta Business Suit
- Monitored Meta Business and Google statistics. (70 people viewed business profile on Google during March. Post regarding workshops reached over 2100 viewers)
- Promoted Watershed Programs
- Communication with Terra Bergen, Social Media & Green Gold Coordinator, Manitoba Forage and Grassland Association. Submitted LOGO files to be displayed on MFGA website.
- Communication with potential web developer pertaining to website update.
- Communicated with Armand (EIWD) to place an ad in three newspapers. Edited the ad to include all our services, proofread it, and negotiated the WIWD contribution towards the total cost. We successfully placed a 2/3-page color advertisement for three weeks in Express, Tribune, and Selkirk Records for \$1500
- Requested a change in the Registrant’s name for the website’s domain.
- Communication with Becca Myskiv regarding an article in the Express about our Water Testing Days Program. Discussed the subject, sent information regarding water quality and our Water Testing Days and Well Water Protection Programs.

GROW Program

- The GROW Program continue accepting new applications.
 - The data for three GROW Trust: 2021-2023, 2022-2024, and 2023-2025.
 - GROW Funds allocated for the Project Establishment 2021-2025: **\$1,146,762.00**
 - GROW Funds Paid from April 1,2021-up to April 8, 2024: **\$705,431.39**
 - GROW Funds available for the expenditure up until March 31, 2025 **-\$441,330.61**
 - GROW Funds allocated towards approved projects - **\$181,181.00**
 - GROW Funds remaining and available for future projects (until March 31, 2025) - **\$260,149.61**
 - Grow 2024-2026 funds approved for **\$777,302.00**
 - Total amount secured until March 31, 2026 **-\$1,037,451.61**
 - Processed claims related to GROW, which involved payment calculations, editing tables and mailing contracts and cheques to the applicants.
 - Developed a modified budget for GROW 2024-2026 and updated the Project Description, Budget, Workplan, and Output tables on the Portal.
 - Submitted required information in order to sign the Agreement for the GROW 2024-2026

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Communication RM of Coldwell representatives and municipal officials pertaining their appointees. ➤ Communication with potential job candidates. Sent rejection and acceptance emails. ➤ Communicated with Robert Milne, the Bridgeport sales representative of Bridgeport Office Solutions, regarding a potential printer upgrade. ➤ Communication with G. Morden pertaining to technical issues at the office, laptop, place an order for decals. ➤ Communicating with key players involved in the Narcisse Project to organize a follow-up meeting ➤ Booked venue in Lundar for April 12th to facilitate Narcisse meeting. ➤ Communicated with contractors to inquire about potential renovations. (2 contractors) and with the contractor regarding flooring, requested quotes ➤ Composed Swan Creek Sub District meeting minutes and edited Executive Board Minutes. ➤ Communication with Tammy Axelsson, Constituency Assistant for Derek Johnson, MLA for Interlake-Gimli pertaining to Narcisse DU Project. ➤ Requested Proposal for HR Consulting Services through Eco Canada. Proposal have been received. ➤ Communication with potential contractors for the office renovations, requested quotes. One quote has been received. ➤ Communication with Pen.com representatives to address overpayment for promotional items. ➤ Communication with Charmaine Virtucio, Commercial Insurance Advisor, Western Financial Group regarding 2024-2025 Insurance. Renewed and signed. ➤ Contacted Fieldstone Ventures Education to post Job Ad poster during Job Fair event on April 11 in Ashern. ➤ Communication with a representative of Eriksdale Chamber of Commerce. Obtained membership for a year for \$30. ➤ Reviewed Policy and Manual prepared by MAW for District's distribution ➤ Received a complaint from the resident and followed up on issue regarding illegal actions on NW 10-25-10W ➤ The preparation for the upcoming workshops includes various tasks such as promoting the events, securing necessary supplies, verifying the list of eligible expenses with MAW for reimbursement and etc. | |
| 6.3 | <p>Resource Technician Report</p> <p>Technician Report March - April 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GROW <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wetland & Riparian Incentives; Continued referencing ESA data and producer submissions 2. Shelterbelt Schedule A & B in partnership with 2BT (AWES) 3. Met with LO's regarding GROW/PWCP interest 4. Attended GROW Coordinator meeting April 10th • PWCP <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Created new participant profiles for 2023-2024 2. Created additional proposals 3. Identified feature type, BMP's, establishment cost(s) 4. In the process of creating/editing maps as projects change; 180+ complete 5. Summarized invoice eligibility for retroactive and current projects 6. Calculated projected PWCP reimbursement per project 7. Creating Soil Landscape Coding document for each project 8. In contact with Brett regarding queries, FY 2024 rollout, updated applications, etc | |

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| | <p>9. Contacting producers regarding invoice submission, before/after photos, project status</p> <p>10. Complete revisions on proposal submissions where required</p> <p>11. Creating agreements for each approved proposal, and forwarding alongside AGR-1 forms to be filled.</p> <p>12. Bi-weekly PWCP meetings with Brett (MAW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Friday, April 12th ▪ Next bi-weekly meeting April 26th <p>13. April 12th PWCP meeting outline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Can begin distributing applications for FY 2024 ii. Once Canola Council numbers are in, remaining budget will be distributed amongst districts. Expect an increase from currently estimated budget. iii. Reminder that articles for “The Current” are due May 10th <p>14. Attended Planning Intelligence Group meetings on April 3rd & April 10th regarding EGS database.</p> <p>15. Began processing FY 2024 contacts of interest and distributing new applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Billion Trees (AWES) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. April 11th call regarding agreement, schedule A & B, accompanying landowner agreement, shipping timeline, etc 2. Completed schedule A & B to reflect 2024 planting projects 3. 2BT (AWES) agreement edited, approved, signed alongside completed schedule A & B for 2024 planting projects. 4. In process of completing the accompanying landowner agreement 5. Expected shipping of trees between May 13th and 17th 6. Spoke to some more landowners about planting projects for the 2025 year. <p>Members were presented with two quotes from IRL Supplies and The Arborist Store for the purchase of four 9’ x 12’ Silvocool tarps, one 18’ x 24’ Silvocool tarp and 5 speed spade shovels.</p> <p><u>464-24: J. Cruise – B. Sigfusson</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board approved to purchase shovels and Silvocool tarps per quote retained from IRL Supplies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Billion Trees (Manitoba) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contacted Forestry & Peatlands branch for an update on status of submitted orders; received a reply April 3rd that they are working out fine details, and will be in contact in the coming weeks. This information was forwarded to all participating RM’s. • WIWD <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pick-up of water sample bottles for community programming, and distribution to Woodlands & St.Laurent RM’s. 2. MHC pollinator garden signage arrived 3. Website updates. | |
| 6.4 | <p>Chairperson Report</p> <p>T. Nevakshonoff gave a verbal report on duties performed.</p> | |
| 6.5 | <p>MAW Rep Report</p> <p>J. Cruise gave a brief verbal update</p> | |

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| 6.6 | <p>HR Report</p> <p>This matter was discussed in-camera.</p> | |
| 6.7 | <p>Watershed Planner Report</p> <p>D. Timmerman gave a verbal report. The Provincial Report for April 2024 was provided in members meeting package, and is on file at the office.</p> | |
| 7.0 | <p>In Camera Discussion</p> <p>K. Christensen and E. Zotter were asked to leave the room at 2:44 p.m.</p> <p><u>465-24: B. Sigfusson – J. Cruise</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board moves in-camera at 2:44 p.m.</p> <p><u>466-24: M. McLelland – D. Germain</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board moves out-of-camera at 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>K. Christensen and E. Zotter re-entered the room at 3:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>467-24: B. Fleury – M. McLelland</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved staff to work 10 hours of overtime per week without pre-approval, effective till October 1st, 2024 at which time the situation will be re-evaluated. Anything over the 10 hours per week will require approval; Manager, I. Zotter, to approve employees overtime hours beyond the 10 hours per week, and Vice-Chair, M. McLelland, to approve the managers overtime hours beyond 10 hours per week.</p> | <p>CARRIED</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>CARRIED</p> |
| | <p>B R E A K</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.</p> | |
| 8.0 | <p>Old Business</p> | |
| 8.1 | <p>New Position/Employees</p> <p>This matter was discussed in-camera.</p> | |
| 8.2 | <p>WIWD Expansion</p> <p>The WIWD received a letter from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, to inform that \$246,000.00 has been notionally allocated to the West Interlake Watershed District for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, subject to appropriation of grant funds by the Manitoba Legislature.</p> | |
| 8.3 | <p>Homebrook – Peonan Point</p> <p>The Partnership Agreement between WIWD and Municipal and Northern Affairs has been signed by all parties. The office received a resolution from Peonan Point Council appointing J. Olson as representative on the Local GROW Committee.</p> | |

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| 8.4 | Policy: Vacation Entitlement | <p>Manager has been in contact with ECO Canada to inquire about HR services. Proposal from HR Services consulting from ECO Canada to review WIWD HR Policy has been received.</p> <p>The Manitoba Association of Watersheds (MAW) is in the final stages of the development process for their MAW Policy, once completed and approved by the MAW board, it will be distributed to all districts for use as a template. The Executive Board decided to wait for the policy template to be received from MAW before reaching out to ECO Canada for HR Services.</p> |
| 8.5 | Narcisse DU Project | <p>T. Nevakshonoff gave a verbal update on the current status of the Narcisse DU Project, including a meeting that was held on April 12th, 2024 at the Lundar Agricultural Multipurpose Building.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for May 17th, 2024 at the Lundar Agricultural Multipurpose Building.</p> |
| 8.6 | WIWD Bird House Program | <p>Members were presented with samples of two bird houses and a bat house that have been purchased. Staff were unable to obtain samples of each specified house outlined in the program overview document that was circulated previously, as some products were out of stock.</p> <p>Staff will be ordering approximately 20 bat house, and 100 song bird houses.</p> |
| 8.7 | RALP Program | <p>Reporting templates from Manitoba Agriculture have been received. Reports were submitted for the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Exclusion Fencing in the West Interlake Watershed District to Enhance and Restore Riparian Areas</i> (Installation of riparian fence at 2 out of 3 sites have been completed) • <i>Creating Pollinator Habitats in the West Interlake Watershed District</i> <p>Waiting on update for the 2024-25 project proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Agroforestry Establishment in the West Interlake Watershed District 2024</i> for the amount of \$20,000.00 • <i>Exclusion Fencing in the West Interlake Watershed District to Enhance and Restore Riparian Areas – 2024</i> in the amount of \$100,000.00 • <i>Cultivating Environmental Resilience through Perennial Forage Establishment.</i> In the amount of \$100,000.00 |
| 8.8 | GROW Program | <p>The WIWD received confirmation for \$777,302. “Given the high overall funding request relative to available funds, it was necessary to focus on the highest priority activities that support watershed management objectives. As a result, the funding request for cover crops (\$445,641) and tame grassland restoration (\$479,423) have been denied. Additionally, the project has received a general reduction of \$178,388 for activities and outputs of your choosing.”</p> <p>Manager / GROW Coordinator updated and submitted required budget adjustments and corresponding tables for the above application (GROW 2024-2026)</p> |

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| | <p>The following reports are due on April 30th, 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GROW 2021-2023 Final Report • GROW 2022-2024 Final Report • GROW 2023-2025 Interim Report | |
| 8.9 | <p>Urban Green Team Funding</p> <p>Financial Administrator submitted application, asking for 16 weeks of employment (40 hours per week) at a wage of \$15.30. Urban Green Team funding will only cover minimum wage expenses, any difference in the wage will be the responsibility of the district. Funding has not yet been confirmed.</p> | |
| 8.10 | <p>Canada Summer Job</p> <p>Funding has been received for approximately 8 weeks (280 hours) of employment to a maximum of \$4,873.00.</p> | |
| 8.11 | <p>ECO Canada</p> <p>Manager submitted applications for the following 2 funding streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Employment in Natural Resources • Science Horizons Youth Internship Program <p>Funding has been pre-approved for up to 80% of wages to a maximum of \$25,000.000. The WIWD has 30 days to recruit an employee.</p> | |
| 8.12 | <p>Water Testing Days</p> <p>Water Testing Days will take place on Tuesday May 21st, 2024 and Tuesday June 25th, 2024. Funds of \$20,000.00 have been allocated to the program for the 2024-25 fiscal year. East Interlake Watershed District (EIWD) will collaborate with the WIWD to satisfy requests from the residents of Armstrong and Woodlands that reside within the EIWD boundaries.</p> | |
| 8.13 | <p>PWCP</p> <p>Manager provided an update on the funding allocation for the 2024-25 fiscal year.</p> <p>The Local GROW Committee brought forward Resolution #181-24.</p> <p><u>“181-24: H. Rosing – J. Cruise</u> <i>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC adopts the 2024 rates as presented at meeting #33-24, dated April 8, 2024, and be it further resolved that the LGC recommends to the Executive Board to amend resolution #457-24 accordingly.”</i></p> <p>There was discussion on limits per producers per year.</p> <p>J. Cruise gave notice to rescind resolution #557-24 from Meeting #52-24 held on March 18th, 2024 which reads <i>“BE IT RESOLVED that the board approves establishing a limit of \$30,000.00 per producer per year under the Prairie Watershed Climate Program (PWCP).</i></p> | |
| 8.14 | <p>Minimum RM Levies</p> <p>There was discussion on current Levy rates.</p> | |

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| | <p>The Swan Creek Sub-District currently has 2 vacant seats. The Manager is to notify the RM of West Interlake and the RM of Coldwell via email as a reminder to make their appointments to the Swan Creek Sub-District.</p> | |
| 8.15 | <p>Fuel Tank Rebate</p> <p>Previous discussion resulted in the Fuel Tank Rebate Program being dissolved, however it has been brought to staff's attention that the program has been published in numerous advertisements circulated through out the district.</p> <p>After discussion, it was decided to allocate \$1,000.00 in the 2024-25 FY budget towards the Fuel Tank Rebate program. The program will continue to dissolve, and all publications regarding the program will be removed from public access where and when possible.</p> | |
| 8.16 | <p>NW IWMP</p> <p>Manager gave a brief update on the results from the survey that was circulated throughout communities in the spring of 2023. Meetings with the NW IWMP Project Management Team (PMT) will resume shortly.</p> | |
| 9.0 | <p>New Business</p> | |
| 9.1 | <p>Appointee to Board</p> <p>M. McLelland's term as WIWD Executive Board appointee expires on April 21st, 2024.</p> <p>Members discussed.</p> <p><u>468-24: J. Cruise – B. Sigfusson</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board appointed M. McLelland as an Executive Board member for the WIWD for a two (2) year term, starting April 22nd, 2024, ending April 21st, 2026.</p> | CARRIED |
| 9.2 | <p>Appointee to the GROW Committee</p> <p>Peonan Point has appointed J. Olson as representative to sit on the Local GROW Committee.</p> <p><u>469-24: J. Cruise – B. Fleury</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board appointed J. Olson to the Local GROW Committee for the period of April 2024 – March 31st, 2025.</p> | CARRIED |
| 9.3 | <p>Signing Authorities</p> <p><u>470-24: J. Cruise – M. McLelland</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves to add T. Nevakshonoff to the WIWD's signing authority.</p> | CARRIED |
| 9.4 | <p>Website Upgrades</p> <p>Members were provided with 2 quotes for contractors to upgrade the WIWD's website.</p> <p>Discussion was held, it was decided that staff would discuss further and bring their recommendation forward at the next executive meeting.</p> | |

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| 9.5 | <p>WIWD Workshops</p> <p>WIWD Funding Workshops are scheduled as follows: -April 22nd, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m. Lundar AG Society Multipurpose Building -April 23rd, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m. St.Laurent Royal Canadian Legion -April 25th, 2024 @ 10:00 am. Ashern Royal Canadian Legion -April 25th, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m. St.Martin Community Hall</p> | |
| 9.6 | <p>Composters and Decals</p> <p>Due to the lack of uptake on the kitchen compost collectors, it was decided to provide the collectors as promotional items. Stickers with the WIWD logo will be applied to all items before they are given away.</p> <p>Additionally, new stickers and decals for the truck are being ordered.</p> | |
| 9.7 | <p>Final Budget 2024-2025</p> <p>Financial Administrator presented the 2024-2026 final budget. Adjustments had been made from the Interim 2024-2025 budget that was submitted in February. Adjustments include an updated list of external funding that has been received, or denied, along with the increased provincial grant and municipal levies.</p> <p><u>471-24: D. Germain – M. McLelland</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the first reading of the 2024-2025 Final Budget.</p> <p>The Budget will be circulate via email prior to the second reading.</p> | CARRIED |
| 10.0 | <p>Sub-District Recommendations</p> <p>Members were provided a list of recommendations from the Lake Francis / Shoal Lake Sub District meeting held on March 16th, 2024, the Swan Creek Sub District meeting held on March 20th, 2024, and the Dog Lake / Lake St.Martin held on April 16th, 2024. Members will review recommendations and discuss at the next executive meeting.</p> | |
| 10.1 | <p>Report on Climate Adaptation and Disaster Mitigation Workshop</p> <p>Tabled</p> | |
| 11.0 | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>J. Cruise left the meeting at 5:37 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Quote received from Interlake Sign Services, Installations and Murals to touch up the mural on the storage container; April 3rd, 2024. Board discussed and decided not to proceed. ➤ West Interlake Watershed District 2022 Regional Report was received from the Lake Winnipeg Foundation. ➤ Miscellaneous Lease No. 75452; 12-158 NINA LAKE PROJECT. The WIWD Executive Board discussed and formulated the following comments and recommendations that aim to ensure the sustainability and effectiveness of the lease agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DUC must provide a detailed maintenance plan for structure and diligently adhere to it; • Develop effective strategies to address and control the carp population; | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure a financial bond to ensure future maintenance funds availability in case of inadequate funding from DUC; Install culverts designed to facilitate fish movement without obstruction. | |
| 12.0 | <p>Review of Action Items</p> <p>Reviewed the status of Action Items from Executive meeting #52-24, March 21st, 2024.</p> <p>Action Items for Executive meeting #53-24, April 18th, 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff to purchase inventory of Bat houses and Bird Houses to sell at a subsidized rate to residents within the WIWD boundaries. Executive members to review information pertaining to the WIWD website. Executive members to review Sub District recommendations, will discuss at the May meeting. Staff to look into cost of a new truck compared to leasing a truck. | |
| 13.0 | <p>NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>May 9th, 2024 9:00 a.m. WIWD Office</p> | |
| 15.0 | <p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>472-24: B. Sigfusson – D. Germain BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 5:50 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 style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> <p>Tom Nevakshonoff, Chairperson WIWD</p> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> <p>Irina Zotter, Manager / GROW Coordinator WIWD</p> | |