

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING NO.17-24

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LOCATION	WIWD Office	DATE	March 20, 2024
PRESENT:	T. Nevakshonoff S. Hofer A. Pfrimmer P. Murphy I. Zotter K. Christensen	Sub District Chairperson Sub District Member Sub District Member Sub District Member Manager / GROW Coordinator Financial Administrator	Swan Creek Sub District Swan Creek Sub District Swan Creek Sub District Swan Creek Sub District WWD WIWD
REGRETS:	G. Sigfusson M. Christensen VACANT SEAT	Sub District Member Sub District Member	Swan Creek Sub District Swan Creek Sub District
WRITTEN BY:	K. Christensen I. Zotter	Financial Administrator Manager / GROW Coordinator	WIWD WIWD

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b> T. Nevakshonoff called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.	
2.0	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b> <b><u>SC 50-24: S. Hofer – P. Murphy</u></b> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the Sub District approved the agenda as presented.	<b>CARRIED</b>
3.0	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> <b><u>SC 51-24: T. Nevakshonoff – S. Hofer</u></b> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the Sub District approved the minutes SC 16-22 September 22, 2022. <b><u>SC 52-24: P. Murphy – S. Hofer</u></b> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the Sub District approved the minutes SC Special Meeting 1-23 November 21, 2023.	<b>CARRIED</b>  <b>CARRIED</b>
4.0	<b>Financial Report</b>	
4.1	<b>Expenditures Spent to Date</b>  Financial Administrator presented the expenditures spent to date, April 1, 2023 – March 12, 2024.  Manager / GROW Coordinator gave a verbal update on current GROW and PWCP funds spent to date.	
4.2	<b>2024-2025 Interim Budget</b>  Financial Administrator presented the 2024-2025 Interim Budget that was submitted to the province on February 28, 2024.  K. Christensen left the meeting at 6:12 p.m.	
5.0	<b>New Business</b>	
5.1	<b>Programming Update</b>	

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	<p>Manager updated members on current programming. During the discussion of the programming, several recommendations and suggestions were made by the members: Members were presented with the proposal for Core Programming, featuring Bird Houses and Bat Houses, samples of both were provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Following a detailed discussion, members recommended conducting further research on bird houses before finalizing the program.</li><li>➤ Specifically, they suggested collecting more information on Blue Birds.</li><li>➤ Additionally, members suggested offering Bat Houses to the public at a 50% discount, with WIWD subsidizing 50% of the cost.</li><li>➤ Furthermore, members recommended exploring information pertaining to Alvar and potentially initiating the identification of locations where Alvar is present.</li><li>➤ Members suggested exploring the idea of developing a program aimed at encouraging and promoting the planting of native and wild flowers.</li><li>➤ Members suggested exploring options for WIWD to offer incentive payments for the conservation of existing bush, rather than solely providing assistance for the establishment of new shelterbelts</li><li>➤ Members suggested exploring the potential for testing major drains for the presence of harmful sediments, such as nitrates, nitrites, and phosphorus. It was recommended to contact East Interlake WD to gather more information, as they are involved in testing within their district's boundaries.</li><li>➤ Specifically, members recommended exploring the potential to test the water at Portage Diversion to determine the quality of water entering Lake Manitoba</li></ul>	
5.2	<p><b>WIWD Expansion</b></p> <p>The manager provided an update on the current expansion progress and presented pages 10-13 of the “West Interlake Watershed District Expansion Proposal to include portions of the Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie and the Rural Municipality of Rockwood” dated January 2024.</p> <p>Following the presentation, members engaged in a discussion regarding the process and potential outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ In conclusion, members recommended that projects should be approved by the WIWD based on their merits rather than on municipal contributions.</li></ul>	
5.3	<p><b>Narcisse DU Project</b></p> <p>Members were presented with the following documents: Narcisse 2023 Survey Data update, "Ivan Johnson Tour" – written report by T. Nevakshonoff, and an email update from S. Greer dated February 16, 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Following a brief discussion on the subject, members concluded their support for the involvement of WIWD as a mediator and facilitator.</li></ul>	
5.4	<p><b>Shoal Lakes</b></p> <p>Members were presented with the following documents: "Wavey Creek Site Selection and Prioritization Criteria" prepared by Strategic Systems Engineering Inc. and "Forecasting Tool MFGA Aquanty, Grasslander" prepared by Manitoba Forage and Grassland Association. These documents were provided as examples of the technologies available and how they can be integrated into the decision-making process.</p>	

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	<p>Specifically, it was noted that some of these tools could be utilized to address issues related to Shoal Lakes.</p> <p>During the discussion, members acknowledged that WIWD does not have the budget or expertise to address infrastructure issues such as drainage systems. However, it was suggested that WIWD could actively seek funds to obtain these advanced tools, make them available to partner municipalities, and potentially to WIWD residents. Integrating these technologies could help address pressing drainage issues and identify potential solutions.</p> <p>➤ In conclusion, members expressed support for the integration of technologies and advanced tools for decision-making purposes, provided that these tools and technologies are funded by external sources.</p>	
5.5	<p><b>Drainage Maps</b></p> <p>Drainage maps and online access were presented to members.</p> <p>During the discussion, members emphasized the value of this information for landowners who may not be familiar with online services.</p> <p>Members requested that online links be sent to each sub-district member with an email address.</p> <p>➤ Furthermore, members recommended compiling all available information pertaining to drainage maps into a single file. This file should be made accessible for viewing and review at the office by landowners upon request</p>	
6.0	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Wednesday, September 11, 2024 5:30 p.m.</p>	
7.0	<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p> <p><u>SC 53-22: A. Pfrimmer – P.Murphy</u> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> we adjourn at 8:38 p.m.</p>	CARRIED
	<p><b>These minutes are the writer's best interpretation of discussions held during the meeting. Please inform the writer of any noteworthy omissions or errors</b></p>	
	<p>_____ Tom Nevakshonoff, Swan Creek Sub District Chairperson</p> <p>_____ Irina Zotter, WIWD Manager / GROW Coordinator</p>	