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### Present:

T. Nevakshonoff Vice Chairperson Swan Creek Sub District
B. Sigfusson Director Shoal Lake Sub District
L. Finney (telephone) Director Dog Lake Sub District
G. Brown Director Lake Francis Sub District
J. Bittner Director Lake ST. Martin Sub District

L. Miller Manager / Financial Admin WIWD
D. Timmerman (telephone) Watershed planner ARD
K. Benson GIS Technician WIWD

REGRETS:

N. Brandstrom Chairperson Dog Lake Sub District

WRITTEN BY: K. Benson

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	T. Nevakshonoff called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.	
2.0	APPROVAL OF AGENDA  165-22: B. Sigfusson – G. Brown  BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the agenda as presented	CARRIED
3.0	APPROVAL OF MINUTES  166-22: L. Finney – G. Brown BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adopted the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting 23-21, December 16, 2021 as presented	CARRIED
4.0	FINANCIAL REPORT	
4.1	Bank Activity  L. Miller presented the financial report: Noventis Credit Union Statement of Accounts from December 1 to December 31, 2021; Visa Noventis Credit Card Details from November 29, 2021 to December 29, 2021; CIBC Visa Credit Card Details from November 22, 2021 to December 21, 2021; Account Reconciliation Summary Report from December 1 to December 31, 2021 Bank Account Transactions Report from December 15, 2021 to January 17, 2022; Comparative Income Statement – YTD from April 1, 2020 to January 17, 2022. 2021-2022 Interim Financial Report April 1- January 17, 2022  167-22: L. Finney- J.Bittner BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the expenses of \$ 56,330.03 (cheques # 629-638, 639 VOID, 640-655); Noventis Credit Union Statement of Accounts from December 1 to December 31, 2021;	CARRIED

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5.0	SUB DISTRICT RECOMMENDATIONS	
6.0	No updates at this time  OLD BUSINESS	
6.1	Southwest Interlake Integrated Watershed Management plan (IWMP)  No updates at this time.	
6.2	Northwest Interlake IWMP  D. Timmerman explained the plan phases for an Integrated Watershed Management Plan. A copy of the information titled "Integrated Watershed Management Plan Phases" is on file at the WIWD office.	
6.3	The WIWD will begin the initial steps to creating a project management team. The WIWD will send a letter to the participating RM's and First Nation Communities.  Siglunes Project  A meeting with stakeholders will be scheduled in 2022.	
6.4	Policy No updates at this time.	
6.5	Conservation Trust 2021  L. Miller presented the update. One producer under The Conservation Trust was deducted points for tilling. The producer was actually partaking in the beneficial practice of Green Manure.  168-22: L. Finney- J.Bittner BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved T. Miller for additional funding for Green Manure practices.	
6.6	GRowing Outcomes in Watershed (GROW)  L. Miller presented the update.  The GROW proposal for 2022-2024 was submitted on January 10, 2022. The total amount requested was \$ 637,500.00. \$500,000.00 was requested for projects including alternative watering systems, perennials, cover crops, and riparian area. \$137,000.00 was requested for incentive payment that will go towards temporary wetland and riparian area conservation.	

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6.7	Ag Action Program / EFP  The Riparian Area Restoration and Enhancement Projects approved by the Ag Action Program for \$ 81,550.00 is completed. Both projects, Burnt Lake and Hatchery Drain are completed. The final report can now be finalized.	
6.8	MAW Convention  Board Members discussed paying hourly remuneration for the MAW convention. The board members should be paid an hourly rate.  169-22: J. Bittner- G. Brown BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved an hourly wage for board members attending the MAW Convention. Dependent on availability of funds: up to 3 members of each Sub-district will receive remuneration at an hourly rate for up to 8 hours a day. This will come into effect at the 2022 MAW Convention.  The discussed rate per kilometer. The provincial rate is 0.43/km.  170-22: G. Brown – J. Bittner BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved an increase in the kilometer rate from \$ 0.42/km to \$ 0.43/km.	CARRIED
6.9	Tree Program  Over 400 applicants have been approved for the Community Tree Nursery Program 2021-2022. 2,696 trees and 110 wildflower packages have been ordered through the program this year.	
6.10	WIWD Annual General Meeting (AGM)  A letter was addressed to the executive board. After a review of the letter it was decided further information was required to address the letter. Vice Chairperson T. Nevakshonoff stated "we take this letter as a statement that the individual has no interest in contesting the election".	
6.11	Oak Hammock Marsh  Schools within the WIWD have booked their presentations with Oak Hammock Marsh. The schools signed up currently are Ecole Communautaire Aurele-Lemoine, Eriksdale, Gypsumville, and Alf Cuthbert. All schools have completed their presentation except Alf Cuthbert who has the presentation on January 20, 2022. L Miller gave a brief description of the activities that the schools would be participating in.	
6.12	Relay Education  No updates at this time.	
6.13	Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund (FWEF) - Letter of Interest (LOI)  Both the Beardy Creek Drain Fisheries Assessment and the Steep Rock Quarry Fish and Habitat Assessment and Enhancement Recommendations application was submitted January 19, 2022.	

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	VPN – Virtual Private Network	
	G. Morden is currently working on the VPN for the WIWD.	
6.14	I. Zotter was set up with the VPN during the first week of January. K. Christensen and K. Benson will share a link and L. Miller will also receive a link, all links should be set up by the end of January.	
	J. Bittner sent a quote for video conferencing equipment, document on file at the WIWD office.	CARRIED
	<u>171-22: G. Brown – B. Sigfusson</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the purchase of video conferencing equipment between \$ 2,500-3,000 pending internet speed.	
	GROW Committee Member	
6.15	Tabled till next meeting.	
	Share Soil Test	
6.16	Question: Should the board share the cost of soil samples with producers that would like more than one field sampled?  It was discussed that the board would share the cost of the soil test, but that they would only cover the cost for staff time and the WIWD truck (gas and mileage). The cost of testing the sample and shipping to the lab would have to be cover by the producer. All fields will have to be accessible and safe for staff to enter on the same day, as staff will not drive back to test additional fields.	
	<u>172-22: G. Brown – J. Bittner</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved a cost share between the WIWD and producers requesting additional soil tests. The producers pay for the soil test and shipping, additional fields must be accessible and safe for staff to enter on the same day that the free sample is being taken. The WIWD will cover the cost for staff and the truck.	CARRIED
7.0	NEW BUSINESS	
	Signing Authority	
7.1	173-22: J. Bittner – B. Sigfusson BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved G. Brown signing authority.	CARRIED
	G. Brown, N. Brandstrom, B. Sigfusson, and L. Miller all have signing authority.	
	Hometown Green Team, Canada Summer Jobs, Metis Grant	
7.2	The Hometown Green Team application was sent January 17, 2022. 21.5 weeks and \$ 11,686.00 was requested.	
	The Canada Summer Jobs application was sent January 13, 2022. 16 weeks and \$ 8,215.92 was requested.	
	The Metis Grant will be applied for once the application is available.	

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7.3	Wages  174-22: J. Bittner – L. Finney BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved K. Christensen and K. Benson for a \$1.00 increase in pay, to be put into effect at the nearest pay day.	CARRIED
7.4	L. Miller presented the interim budget, on file at the WIWD office.  175-22: J. Bittner – B. Sigfusson BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the interim budget.	
8.0	REPORTS	
8.1	Chairperson  T. Nevakshonoff as Vice Chairperson filled in as Chairperson. T. Nevakshonoff expressed gratitude for being elected this position. He also discussed his background in the development of the East and West Interlake Watershed Districts.	
8.2	MAW Rep Report  Tabled till next meeting.	
8.3	Manager Report  Brief verbal update on office activities.	
8.4	Watershed Planner Report  D. Timmerman presented the "Watershed Districts and Programs Provincial Update-January 2021" the document is available on file at the WIWD office.	
9.0	IN CAMERA DISCUSSION  176-22: L. Finney – G. Brown BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board moved In-camera at 11:45 for a discussion  177-22: J. Bittner – B. Sigfusson BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board moved out of camera at 11:49 for a discussion	CARRIED
10.0	CORRESPONDENCE  > General Permit 74495. Emailed January 14, 2022 > Final Report Burnt Lake Drain Fish Ladder. L. Miller emailed January 11, 2022 > Lake Manitoba Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels Project Newsletter – December 2021 Issue 13	
11.0	NEXT MEETING: February 17, 2022	

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	9:00 A.M. TBA	
12.0	ADJOURNMENT 178-21: G. Brown – B. Sigfusson BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 12:30 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	
	Tom Nevakshonoff, Vice Chairperson WIWD	
	Linda Miller, Manager/Financial Administrator WIWD	