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PRESENT: B. Fleury Member (Chairperson) Producer / WIWD

H. Rosing Member (Vice- Chair) Producer

G. Metner Member Producer / WIWD
J. Cruise Member Producer / WIWD

Peonan Point Representative J. Olson Producer T. Cook (zoom) Member Producer C. Cuvelier Watershed Planer **ECC** Member (Manager /GROW Coordinator) WIWD I. Zotter D. Kaartinen Resource Technician WIWD Financial Administrator K. Christensen **WIWD** M. Fines Resource Technician **WIWD**

REGRETS: T. Nevakshonoff Member WIWD

D. Timmerman Watershed Planner ECC
B. Sigfusson Member WIWD

WRITTEN BY: K. Christensen

ITEM		ACTION BY				
1.0	CALL TO ORDER B. Fleury called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.					
	APPROVAL OF AGENDA					
2.0	240-25: G. Metner – J. Olson BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Local Grow Committee (LGC) approved the agenda as presented.	CARRIED				
3.0	APPROVAL OF MINUTES 241-25: J. Cruise – H. Rosing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approved the minutes of the LGC Meeting #41-25, April 25, 2025, as presented.	CARRIED				
	Old Business					
4.0	GROW and PWCP Funds and Programs terms Update The GROW Coordinator gave an update on the GROW Trust 2025-2027; a final budget was provided in the meeting package and is on file at the office. The GROW Coordinator reported on the GROW 2023-2025, and 2024-2026 funds allocated and expended for the 2024-25 season. Awarded GROW Funds from MHC: GROW 2023-2025 \$500,000.00 GROW 2024-2026 \$467,442.50 GROW 2025-2027 264,520.00 Total: \$1,231,962.50 Funds Expended to date: GROW 2023-2025 \$499,634.65 GROW 2024-2026 \$52,326.44 Total \$551,961.09 Projects in progress: \$606,134.00 Funds for future distribution: \$73,867.41 The projected cost data is subject to frequent fluctuations, affecting the availability of funds for future allocations. However, the GROW program's financial position remains strong.					

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Technician reported on the current allocated funds for PWCP funding for the 2024-25

fiscal year:

Awarded PWCP funds: \$885,000.00 Additional awarded funds: \$40,130.42

Cover Crops: \$156,870.00 Rotational Grazing: \$526,004.27 Nitrogen Management: \$242,256.15 Total Projected cost: \$925,130.42

Technician reported on the current allocated funds for PWCP funding for the 2025-26

fiscal year:

Awarded PWCP funds: \$1,025,000.00

Cover Crops: 71,000.00 \$ 294,966.20 Rotational Grazing: Nitrogen Management: \$ 50,507.51 Total Project cost: \$ 416,473.71

Supporting documentation of current funds is available on file at the WIWD office.

Committee members were presented with information on two added practices under OFCAF: supplementary guidance on the eligibility of equipment purchases and upgrades for adopting cover cropping, and on the eligibility of equipment purchases and infrastructure for virtual fencing for adopting rotational grazing. Members discussed the practices. The committee members decided not to incorporate these two practices into the current eligible activities under PWCP, as more data and information were needed regarding these practices.

Shelterbelt Establishment and Enhancement

Technician gave a verbal update on the current 2BT shelterbelt project, it is now 5.0 complete.

A tree planter was purchased by the District. B. Fleury picked the planter up and made a few minor repairs and adjustments to the planter.

RALP

RALP 2023-2024 Projects:

T00072 "Exclusion Fencing in the West Interlake Watershed District to Enhance and Restore Riparian Areas" - Project has been completed. The Manager has finalized and submitted all necessary reports. Waiting for final payment. T00071 "Creating Pollinator Habitats in the West Interlake Watershed District" project is completed reports have been submitted. Waiting for final payment.

RALP 2024-2025 Projects: 6.0

- Agroforestry Establishment in the West Interlake Watershed District (\$20,000.00) – Project site location has been determined; technician has designed an eco-buffer planting consisting of 1,405 trees. Trees have been received and awaiting planting.
- Exclusion Fencing in the West Interlake Watershed District to Enhance and Restore Riparian Areas (\$100,000.00). – 4 site locations have been identified; Staff are currently calculating the required fencing supplies, placing orders, and retaining contractors.
- Cultivating Environmental Resilience through Perennial Forage Establishment. (\$100,000.00) - Staff continue to identify and prioritize project locations.

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	 RALP 2025-2026 Projects: Funding approved for the following projects: 2025 Riparian Restoration and Water Quality Improvement in the West Interlake Watershed (\$100,000.00) Agreement will be signed shortly. Cultivating Environmental Resilience through Perennial Forage Establishment in the West Interlake Watershed in 2025-2026 (\$100,00.00) Agreement has been signed. Agroforestry Establishment in the West Interlake Watershed District 2025-2026 (\$21,900.00) Agreement has been signed. 			
7.0	GROW 2025-2027 A review of the GROW program is underway, involving input from watershed districts to gather challenges and suggestions for improvement. Watershed Planning and Programs will provide recommendations to watershed districts and the MAW board in time for the next GROW intake. WD managers and staff are encouraged to share concerns and comments by June 30th to be included in the recommendations. Ongoing support for watershed districts includes an updated GROW Guide for 2026, a planned GROW workshop with MHC and WDs, and assistance from watershed planners in areas such as proposal review, project prioritization, and clarification on the GROW program provincial framework. Relevant resources, including the MHC grant review process and GROW program priorities, are also available for reference.			
8.0	Windbreak Panels Members discussed how the windbreak panel projects will be monitored. It was determined that it would be difficult to monitor the 2024-25 projects as the program did not roll out till mid-march, leaving only a short period of time for producers to utilize the panels, and some producers would not have had an optimal opportunity to place the panels in their appropriate location. Members felt that monitoring the projects can include the producers submitting photos each year of their panels once they have been moved to the desired location(s).			
9.0	Approval of GROW and PWCP Applications The Technician and GROW Coordinator gave an overview on proposition of the control of	the projects. There lications prior to the s experiencing with	CARRIED	
	243-25: I. Zotter – H. Rosing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approves to move out-of-camera D. Kaartinen and M. fines re-entered the room. 244-25: J. Cruise – G. Metner BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approves 75% of an Alternative for E. & C. Koning, for funding through the GROW Program for the year, subject to the conditions that they adhere to all GROW guided MHC and WIWD, successfully complete the Final Project Inspection available funds with fair distribution amongst participants	re Watering System ne 2025-2026 fiscal lines established by	CARREID	

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245-25: J. Cruise – J. Olson
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approves 75% of Windbreak panels for E. Hummel and L. Law for funding through the GROW Program for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, subject to the conditions that they adhere to all GROW guidelines established by MHC, and WIWD, successfully complete the Final Project Inspection, and contingency on available funds with fair distribution amongst participants

246-25: J. Olson - H. Rosing

CARRIED

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approves the following projects for funding through the PWCP, GROW, or RALP Program for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, subject to the conditions that they adhere to all PWCP, GROW, or RALP guidelines established by MAW, MHC, MB Agriculture, and WIWD, successfully complete the Final Project Inspection, and are contingent on available funds with fair distribution amongst participants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the LGC authorizes the flexibility to move projects between the PWCP, GROW, or RALP programs based on the best fit for the program and to the benefit of the producer, provided that all program quidelines and requirements continue to be met.

> BMP: PWCP Cover Crops

- E. Sigurdson
- G. Bednarek
- K. Overby
- K. Johansson
- K. Sherbeth
- K. Cook
- M. Vigfusson
- D. Darknell
- C. Miller
- K. Gudmundson
- M. Emilson
- C. Reykdal
- R. Jeremy
- K. McIntosh
- K. McIntosh
- P. Gaudry
- **SKV** Building
- D. Voth
- M. Christensen
- D. Hueging

> BMP: PWCP: Soil Testing

- K. Overby
- N. Sabados
- **SVK Building**
- Cronje Farms
- M. Christensen
- D. Hueging
- > BMP: PWCP Legumes
 - BraKir Inc
 - D. Darknell
 - D. Voth
 - N. Sabados
 - Cronie Farms
 - M. Christensen

> BMP: PWCP Manure

- M. Emilson
- K. Johansson
- R. Jeremy
- K. Kallstrom
- **SVK Building**

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- M. Christensen
- D. Hueging

> BMP: PWCP ESN/Urease Inhibitors

- K. Overby
- C. Hueging
- D. Hueging

> BMP: PWCP Split Fertilizer Application

> BMP: PWCP Rotational Grazing

- C. Holm
- P. Groose
- P. Gaudry
- I. Smith
- G. Bednarek
- D. Thorgilsson
- J. & P. Billekop
- K. Cook
- M. Emilson
- T. Michaleski
- K. Kallstrom
- J. Dyck
- J. Scharf
- K. Overby
- E. Sigurdson
- D. Springer
- J. Gray
- J. Peters
- R. Jeremy
- N. Sabados D. Perrault
- C. Heuging
- D. Mathews
- J. Stefanson
- D. Hueging

> BMP: PWCP Alternative Watering System

- K. Johansson
- S. Hoosier

> BMP: GROW Perennial Forage Establishment

- J. Cruise
- W. Thorgilsson
- R. Bittner
- C. Lucier
- L. Wirgau
- J. Lamport
- K. Gudmundson
- F. Pott
- L. Law
- Hueging Dairies Ltd.
- D. Voth
- E. Sigurdson
- K. Peterson
- A. Rawluk

> BMP: GROW Alternative Watering System

- B. Olson
- M. Vigfusson
- S. Hoosier
- P. Grose

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	>	BMP: GROW Riparian Fencing				
	>	BMP: GROW Cross Fencing A. Rawluk				
	>	BMP: GROW Sisal Twine				
	>	BMP: GROW Windbreak Panel B. Olson S. Hoosier P. Gaudry G. Bednarek R. Stewart				
	>	BMP: RALP Riparian Fencing R. Myskiw				
	NEW BUSINESS					
		w of Action Items:				
12.0	NEXT MEETING: July 21 st , 2025 9:00 a.m. WIWD Office					
13.0	ADJOURNMENT 247-25: H. Rosing – G. Metner BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 1:13 p.m.					
	These minutes are the writer's best interpretation of discussions held during the meeting. Please inform the writer of any noteworthy omissions or errors					
	Bill FI	eury, LGC Chairperson				
	Irina Z	otter, Manager / GROW Coordinator				