

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 53-26

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LOCATION	WIWD Office	DATE	August 10, 2026
PRESENT:	J. Cruise	Member (Chairperson)	Producer / WIWD
	B. Sigfusson	Member	WIWD
	C. Cuvelier	Watershed Planner	ECC
	E. Hummel	Member	Producer
	G. Metner	Member	Producer / WIWD
	H. Rosing	Member	Producer
	T. Cook (Teams)	Member	Producer
	I. Zotter	Member (Manager)	WIWD
	D. Kaartinen	Resource Technician	WIWD
	Y. Li	Interim Program Coordinator	WIWD
REGRETS:	B. Fleury	Member (Vice- Chair)	Producer / WIWD
	J. Olson	Peonan Point Representative	Producer
	T. Nevakshonoff	Member	WIWD

WRITTEN BY: Y. Li

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	CALL TO ORDER J. Cruise called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.	
2.0	APPROVAL OF AGENDA <u>314-26: B. Sigfusson – G. Metner</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Local Grow Committee (LGC) approved the Agenda as presented.	CARRIED
3.0	APPROVAL OF MINUTES <u>315-26: E. Hummel – H. Rosing</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approved the minutes of the LGC Meeting #52-26, July 13 th , 2026, as amended.	CARRIED
4.0	PROGRAMMING UPDATES	
4.1	GROW The proposed water retention project was submitted to and approved by the Watershed Planner. Staff will prepare the required project information and submit it to the Provincial Engineer to seek technical support and further guidance. <u>316-26: H. Rosing – B. Sigfusson</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approve the submission of the following project for Provincial Engineering Support: James Oake Project, SW 1-22-5W, RM of West Interlake. Staff provided an update on the condition of AWS projects based on observations from recent site inspections. One project was determined to be satisfactory and is ready to proceed with payment. The remaining two projects require additional improvements to better meet program requirements before further consideration.	CARRIED

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	J. Cruise attended a delegation in the RM of West Interlake with T. Nevakshonoff to discuss potential water retention projects and suggested that the next delegation be held in the southern part of the district, either in the RM of St. Laurent or Woodlands.	
4.2	RALP The RALP 2025–2026 Riparian Fund has been fully allocated, with the final report to be completed and submitted by the end of September, and the new RALP funding intake is expected to open in Fall 2026.	
4.3	PWCP Technician reported on the current allocated funds for PWCP funding for the 2025-26 fiscal year. Awarded PWCP funds: \$1,105,566.47 Cover Crops: \$ 171,190.00 Rotational Grazing: \$ 658,852.64 Nitrogen Management: \$ 275,523.83 Total Project cost: \$ 1,105,566.47 The following table reflects the funding allocated for PWCP following the initial intake of applications for the 2026–2027 fiscal year. Awarded PWCP funds: \$ 772,000.00 Cover Crops: \$ 133,250.00 Rotational Grazing: \$ 455,141.24 Nitrogen Management: \$ 142,531.70 Total Project cost: \$ 730,922.94 Supporting documentation of current funds is available on file at the WIWD office.	
5.0	Field Day Following a brief discussion at the previous meeting, LGC revisited the topic of the Field Day and continued discussions regarding potential plans and arrangements. <u>317-26: G. Metner – E. Hummel</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC authorize WIWD staff to initiate the planning and delivery of field day to showcase projects funded through the WIWD’s GROW, PWCP, and RALP Programs and to promote program awareness among producers and partners. <u>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT</u> the LGC authorize WIWD staff to allocate funds necessary to support the organization and delivery of these field days, subject to all applicable program guidelines and funding conditions.	CARRIED
6.0	Drone Staff presented several drone options for upgrading the current unit; the LGC discussed the options. <u>318-26: G. Metner – B. Sigfusson</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approve the allocation of up to \$5,000 from GROW Program funds toward the purchase of a drone to support WIWD operational, monitoring, and project-inspection needs.	CARRIED

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	<u>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT</u> the LGC acknowledge that the total cost of the drone exceeds GROW limits and authorize WIWD staff to utilize PWCP Program funds under Activity 3, where eligible, to supplement the GROW contribution. <u>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT</u> should additional funds still be required, the LGC recommend to the Executive Board that the remaining amount be allocated from Core funding or other appropriate District funding sources.	
7.0	Approval of GROW, RALP and PWCP Applications Staff provided an overview of the proposed projects for the 2026–27 fiscal year, and the GROW Committee members discussed the projects in detail. <u>319-26: I. Zotter – B. Sigfusson</u> <u>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</u> the LGC approve the following projects for funding through the PWCP, GROW, or RALP Programs for the 2026–2027 fiscal year, subject to the conditions that all projects adhere to the applicable program guidelines established by MAW, MHC, Manitoba Agriculture, and WIWD; successfully complete the Final Project Inspection; and are contingent on available funds with fair distribution among participants. <u>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT</u> the LGC authorize WIWD staff to exercise administrative flexibility to assign or reassign projects between the PWCP, GROW, or RALP Programs, based on the most appropriate program fit and the benefit to the producer, provided that all program guidelines and requirements continue to be met. ➤ BMP: PWCP Cover Crops D. Cook ➤ BMP: PWCP Sod Seeder ➤ BMP: PWCP Soil Testing D. Kluthe ➤ BMP: PWCP Legumes R. Hueging L. Cronje ➤ BMP: PWCP Manure C. Reykdal ➤ BMP: PWCP ESN/Urease Inhibitors ➤ BMP: PWCP Split Fertilizer Application ➤ BMP: PWCP Rotational Grazing C. Reykdal F. Hueging ➤ BMP: PWCP Alternative Watering System ➤ BMP: PWCP Pasture Rejuvenation ➤ BMP: GROW Perennial Forage Establishment ➤ BMP: GROW Alternative Watering System L. Law K. Peterson ➤ BMP: GROW Riparian Fencing ➤ BMP: GROW Cross Fencing	CARRIED

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	➤ BMP: GROW Sisal Twine ➤ BMP: GROW Windbreak Panel ➤ BMP: GROW Riparian Area Conservation ➤ BMP: RALP Riparian Fencing ➤ BMP: RALP Perennials Mason Farms L. Thorgilsson J. Bittner ➤ BMP: RALP Agroforestry	
8.0	NEXT MEETING: September 14th, 2026 9:00 a.m. WIWD Office	
9.0	ADJOURNMENT <u>320-26: H. Rosing – B. Sigfusson</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 11:50 a.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	
	Jack Cruise, LGC Chairperson Irina Zotter, Manager	