

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 45-25

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PRESENT:	B. Fleury	Member (Chairperson)	Producer / WIWD
	H. Rosing	Member (Vice- Chair)	Producer
	J. Cruise	Member	Producer / WIWD
	J. Olson	Peonan Point Representative	Producer
	T. Cook (zoom)	Member	Producer
	B. Sigfusson	Member	WIWD
	G. Metner	Member	Producer / WIWD
	C. Cuvelier (zoom)	Watershed Planer	ECC
	D. Kaartinen	Resource Technician	WIWD
	K. Christensen	Financial Administrator	WIWD
	M. Fines	Environmental Assistant	WIWD
REGRETS:	T. Nevakshonoff	Member	WIWD
	I. Zotter	Member (Manager /GROW Coordinator)	WIWD

WRITTEN BY: K. Christensen

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b> B. Fleury called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.	
2.0	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b> <u>263-25: B. Sigfusson – J. Olson</u> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the Local Grow Committee (LGC) approved the agenda as presented.	CARRIED
3.0	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> <u>264-25: J. Cruise – B. Sigfusson</u> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the LGC approved the minutes of the LGC Meeting #44-25, August 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2025, as presented.	CARRIED
4.0	<b>GROW and PWCP Funds/Programs Update</b>  A Revised application for perennial establishment was presented to the LGC for review, staff made changes to the application to encompass all required information that is required for both the RALP and GROW program.  <u>265-25: H. Rosing – J. Olson</u> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the LGC approved the REVISED Perennial Application as presented, with the additions of including the line “All projects subject to the WIWDs Local GROW Committee (LGC) approval” under the terms and conditions.  Environmental Assistant presented the idea of implementing a Native Prairie Establishment program. Members discussed and overall felt it would be a beneficial program, staff are to explore funding avenues.  There was discussion regarding the concern of the WIWD funding projects on land that recently had bush cleared. The LGC agreed to add a line in the terms and conditions of all applications stating “the WIWD reserves the right to reject a project if it is known that bush has been cleared recently in the immediate project location”.  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:               \$ 191,250.00 Rotational Grazing:     \$ 587,032.93 Nitrogen Management: \$ 245,241.11	

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	<div>Total Project cost:      \$ 1,023,524.04</div> <div>Supporting documentation of current funds is available on file at the WIWD office.</div>	
5.0	<div><b>GROW Trust Program Review</b></div> <div>A meeting with Manitoba Habitat Conservancy (MHC) was held on September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lundar Golf course, to review the GROW program.</div> <div>It was noted that although there was great discussion at the meeting, the LGC was unable to address all their questions and concerns during the meeting. Staff are to reach out to MHC with questions and concerns that the LGC had.</div> <div>C. Cuvelier provided insight on how the LGC is to move forward in the future if they feel the Provincial GROW guide does not align with the goals of the WIWD.</div>	
6.0	<div><b>GROW Trust 2026 – 2028</b></div> <div>Staff submitted the Letter of Interest (LOI) for the ‘Building Watershed Resilience: A Sustainable Path 2026’ project on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 to the 2026-2028 GROW Trust. A copy of the LOI was presented to those members who had email, prior to submission and were invited to share their thoughts and insights.</div> <div>Additionally, staff submitted an LOI for the ‘Sisal Twine as an Alternative to Plastic Twine – Reducing Micro-Plastics on Our Landscapes’ project under the Conservation Trust. A copy of the LOI was presented to those members who had email, prior to submission and were invited to share their thoughts and insights.</div>	
7.0	<div><b>Approval of GROW and PWCP Applications</b></div> <div>The Technician gave an overview on proposed projects for the 2025-26 fiscal year. The GROW Committee members discussed the projects.</div> <div><b><u>266-25: J. Cruise – B. Sigfusson</u></b></div> <div><b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> 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.</div> <div><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT</b> 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 guidelines and requirements continue to be met.</div> <div><div>➤ <b>BMP: PWCP Cover Crops</b></div><div>A. Rawluk</div><div>R. Kinhead</div><div>J. Watt</div><div>Cronje Farms</div><div>➤ <b>BMP: PWCP Sod Seeder</b></div><div>J. Watt</div><div>➤ <b>BMP: PWCP: Soil Testing</b></div><div>L. Wirgau</div><div>➤ <b>BMP: PWCP Legumes</b></div></div>	CARRIED

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	<div><div>R. Hueging L. Wirgau J. Dyck</div><div><div>➤</div><div><b>BMP: PWCP Manure</b> L. Wirgau L. Thorgilsson</div></div><div><div>➤</div><div><b>BMP: PWCP ESN/Urease Inhibitors</b> B. Reykdal R. Hueging</div></div><div><div>➤</div><div><b>BMP: PWCP Split Fertilizer Application</b> R. Hueging</div></div><div><div>➤</div><div><b>BMP: PWCP Rotational Grazing</b> A. Rawluk T. Tober J. Zook D. Tegelberg</div></div><div><div>➤</div><div><b>BMP: PWCP Alternative Watering System</b> M. Sveistrup</div></div><div><div>➤</div><div><b>BMP: PWCP Pasture Rejuvenation</b> A. Rawluk</div></div><div><div>➤</div><div><b>BMP: GROW Perennial Forage Establishment</b></div></div><div><div>➤</div><div><b>BMP: GROW Alternative Watering System</b> D. Thorgilsson R. Ebbers Gall Family Farms C. Ives</div></div><div><div>➤</div><div><b>BMP: GROW Riparian Fencing</b></div></div><div><div>➤</div><div><b>BMP: GROW Cross Fencing</b></div></div><div><div>➤</div><div><b>BMP: GROW Sisal Twine</b></div></div><div><div>➤</div><div><b>BMP: GROW Windbreak Panel</b></div></div><div><div>➤</div><div><b>BMP: RALP Riparian Fencing</b></div></div><div><div>➤</div><div><b>BMP: RALP Perennials</b></div></div></div>	
8.0	<div><div>Upcoming Events</div><div>The Manitoba Forage and Grasslands Association (MFGA) Regen Ag Conference will be held at the Victoria Inns in Brandon MB on November 12<sup>th</sup> &amp;13<sup>th</sup>, 2025.</div><div>The Manitoba Association of Watershed (MAW) 50<sup>th</sup> annual conference will be held at the Keystone Centre in Brandon MB on December 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.</div></div>	
9.0	<div><div>NEXT MEETING:</div><div>November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 9:00 a.m. WIWD Office</div></div>	

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10.0	<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p> <p><b><u>267-25: B. Sigfusson – J. Cruise</u></b>  <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> we adjourn at 11:23 a.m.</p>	<b>CARRIED</b>
	<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>_____</p> <p><b>Bill Fleury, LGC Chairperson</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>Irina Zotter, Manager / GROW Coordinator</b></p>	