

MINUTES OF MEETING NO.72-26

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PRESENT:	T. Nevakshonoff	Chairperson	WIWD
	M. McLelland	Board Appointee/Vice Chair	WIWD
	D. Germain	Director	Dog Lake Sub-District
	S. Hofer	Director	Swan Creek Sub-District
	J. Stefanson	Director	Shoal Lake Sub District
	B. Fleury	Director	Lake Francis Sub-District
	J. Cruise	Provincial Appointee	WIWD / MAW
	C. Howse	Director	Lake St. Martin Sub District
	C. Cuvelier	Watershed Planner	MECP
	B. Sigfusson	Board Appointee	WIWD
	I. Zotter	Manager/GROW Coordinator	WIWD
	D. Chartrand	Admin	WIWD
	K. Christensen	Financial Administrator	WIWD

REGRETS:

WRITTEN BY: D. Chartrand Admin WIWD

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	<p>Call To Order</p> <p>T. Nevakshonoff called the meeting to order at 12:59 p.m.</p>	
2.0	<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p><u>633-26: D. Germain – M. McLelland</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the agenda as presented.</p>	CARRIED
3.0	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p><u>634-26: B. Fleury – J. Stefanson</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adopted the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting # 71-25, November 20th, 2025, as presented.</p>	CARRIED
4.0	<p>Financial Report</p>	
4.1	<p>Bank Activity</p> <p>K. Christensen presented the financial report:</p> <p>Access Credit Union Statement of Accounts from November 1st, 2025 – November 30th, 2025; Access Credit Union Statement of Accounts from December 1st, 2025 – December 31st, 2025; Bank Account Transaction Report – November 19th, 2025 – January 9th, 2026. Collabria Credit Card Details from October 30th, 2025 – November 28th, 2025; 2026/26 Q3 Report: April 1 – December 31, 2025. 2025/26 Projected Expenditures as of March 31, 2026.</p> <p>The Board discussed Collabria Mastercard limits and recurrent charges. M. McLelland and J. Cruise recommend increasing the Collabria Credit Card limit from \$10,000 to \$15,000.</p> <p><u>635-26: B. Fleury – B. Sigfusson</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved expenses of November 19th, 2025 – January 9th, 2026, of \$261,700.46 (#2449-2542); Access Credit Union Statement of Accounts from November 1st, 2025 – November 30th, 2025; Access Credit Union Statement of Accounts from December 1st, 2025 – December 31st, 2025; Collabria</p>	CARRIED

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	<p>Further resolved that this signing and online banking authority shall be reviewed at the first Executive Board meeting following the next Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>643-26: J. Cruise – D. Germain BE IT RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to The Watershed Districts Act, Section 10(2)(b)(iii), the Board appoints the following individual(s) as additional Board member(s) of the West Interlake Watershed District:</p> <p>Mysie McLelland</p> <p>Brian Sigfusson</p> <p>Further resolved that these appointments shall be for a one-year term and shall be reviewed at the first Executive Board meeting following the next Annual General Meeting.</p>	CARRIED
7.0	Old Business	
7.1	Narcisse DU Project T. Nevakshonoff provided a verbal update.	
7.2	<p>NW IWMP</p> <p>644-26 J. Cruise – M. McLelland BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board appoints the following individuals to the Northwest Interlake Integrated Watershed Management Plan (NW IWMP) Project Management Team:</p> <p>Tom Nevakshonoff / WIWD Jack Cruise / WIWD Dwayne Germain / the West Interlake Community Development Corporation Neil Brandstrom / RM of West Interlake / ratepayer Jason Bittner / RM of Grahamdale / councilor Lyle Finney / RM of West Interlake / councilor Blair Thompson / Kevin Kallstrom / Eriksdale / Metis locals Sean Zieroth / Steep Rock Cottage Association Warren Stevenson / Narrows Enhancement Initiative Derrick Gould / Pinaymootang First Nation</p> <p>Further resolved that the Project Management Team shall provide guidance and oversight for the development and implementation of the NW IWMP.</p> <p>Further resolved that these appointments shall remain in effect until reviewed by the Board or until completion of the NW IWMP, unless otherwise amended by resolution.</p>	CARRIED
7.3	RALP Program Four applications were submitted for the 2026-2027 RALP on November 6 th , 2025. Staff are currently working on 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 program years. Final report for 2024-2025 projects under Agroforestry and Riparian Area Management have been submitted. Remaining funds for 2023-2024 projects have been received	
7.4	GROW Program The LGC Minutes of Meeting No. 45-25 were provided in the meeting package for Board Members' review. The GROW payment for 2023-2024 period has been received.	

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7.5	<p>PWCP</p> <p>MAW has announced the availability of additional funding. WIWD will submit a request in the amount of \$75,000.00. The current FY-2025-2026 PWCP Projected Application Values were provided in meeting package for Board Members' review.</p>	
7.6	<p>Conservation Trust (CT)</p> <p>2025-2026 project is currently in progress. Proposals titled 'Sisal Twine as an Alternative to Plastic Twine – Reducing Micro-Plastics on Our Landscape' requesting \$52,500.00 in funds, and 'Gaining Indigenous Perspectives in the Development of Climate Adaptation Strategies in the West Interlake Watershed District' requesting \$25,000.00. have been submitted, Grant notification is anticipated in April 2026.</p>	
7.7	<p>Green Municipal Fund</p> <p>Official announcement has been made by the Green Municipal Fund. The project may now be advertised and promoted. The first public meeting 'Climate Adaptation Planning Public Meeting' will take place on January 21st, 2026, in Ashern, Manitoba.</p>	
7.8	<p>Conservation and Climate Fund</p> <p>Interim report has been submitted.</p>	
8.0	<p>Reports</p>	
8.1	<p>Financial Administrator Report</p> <p>Reviewed by the Board and filed at the office.</p>	
8.2	<p>Manager/GROW Coordinator Report</p> <p>Reviewed by the Board and filed at the office.</p>	
8.3	<p>Technician Report</p> <p>Reviewed by the Board and filed at the office.</p>	
8.4	<p>Environmental Technician Assistant 1 Report</p> <p>Reviewed by the Board and filed at the office.</p>	
8.5	<p>Environmental Technician Assistant 2 Report</p> <p>Reviewed by the Board and filed at the office.</p>	
8.6	<p>Administrative and Outreach Coordinator Report</p> <p>Reviewed by the Board and filed at the office.</p>	
8.7	<p>Chairperson Report</p> <p>T. Nevakshonoff gave a verbal update.</p>	

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8.8	<p>MAW Rep Report</p> <p>J. Cruise provided a verbal update on the results of the 2025 MAW Conference.</p>	
8.9	<p>Watershed Planner Report</p> <p>Watershed Planning and Programs Provincial Update – December 2025 was provided in meeting package.</p>	
9.0	<p>Sub-District Recommendations</p>	
9.1	<p>Report on the Climate Adaptation and Disaster Mitigation workshop (tabled)</p>	
9.2	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>Seedling Give Away</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All members recommended we purchase 5000 Seedlings for the 2026 season. The Board accepted the recommendation. - Lake Francis & Shoal Lake recommended we raise the limit to 10 seedlings per household; however, the Board preferred to serve a greater number of residents by maintaining a lower quantity per household. - Dog Lake & Lake St. Marin recommended we keep the limit to 5 seedlings per household to be able to accommodate more landowners. The Board accepted the recommendation. - Dog Lake & Lake St. Martin recommended we purchase 3 varieties (strawberry, raspberry & saskatoon). The Board accepted the recommendation. <p>Water Testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members of Dog Lake & Lake St. Martin recommended we start covering the cost of a 2nd test to community members that fail the initial water test. - Members of Dog Lake & Lake St. Martin also recommended we inspect failed well sites and check on the condition of the well, and visit neighboring properties and encourage them to also do water testing test. <p>The Board discussed the recommendation and determined that well-site inspections fall outside the expertise of district staff. Instead, the Board agreed that the district may send a letter to the homeowner indicating that the district will reimburse the cost of the second test once well treatment has been completed.</p> <p>Well Water Protection Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lake Francis and Shoal Lake members recommended we raise the current \$1000.00 cap on Well Water Protection to \$1500.00 and work with the landowners that apply, if quotes come in higher then \$1500.00 landowners can have the option to pay remainder - Dog Lake & Lake St. Martin members recommended we raise the current \$1000.00 cap to \$1500.00 and monitor the program closely – update the program requirements. More photos, WIWD staff attending sites before and after program completion. Taking GPS points 	

