

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 39-25

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LOCATION	WIWD Office	DATE	February 24, 2025
PRESENT:	B. Fleury	Member (Chairperson)	Producer / WIWD
	T. Cook (zoom)	Member	Producer
	J. Cruise	Member	Producer / WIWD
	J. Olson	Peonan Point Representative	Producer
	H. Rosing	Member (Vice- Chair)	Producer
	I. Zotter	Member (Manager /GROW Coordinator)	WIWD
	T. Nevakshonoff	Member	WIWD
	D. Kaartinen	Resource Technician	WIWD
REGRETS:	B. Sigfusson	Member	WIWD
	G. Metner	Member	Producer / WIWD
	D. Timmerman (zoom)	Watershed Planner	ARD
	K. Christensen	Financial Administrator	WIWD
WRITTEN BY:	I. Zotter		

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b> H. Rosing called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m.	
2.0	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b> <u>215-25: J. Cruise - 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>216-25: J. Cruise – T. Cook</u> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the LGC approved the minutes of the LGC Meeting # 38-54, November 18. 2024 and Special Meeting # 1-24, November 21, 2024 as presented.	CARRIED
	<b>Old Business</b>	
4.0	<b>GROW and PWCP Funds and Programs terms Update</b>  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 - \$447,442.50 Total: \$947,442.50  Funds Expended to date: GROW 2023-2025 - \$65,712.48 GROW 2024-2026 - \$196,583.58 Total \$262,296.06  Projects in progress: \$357,067.75 Funds for future distribution: \$328,078.69  Technician reported on the current allocated funds for PWCP funding the 2024-25 fiscal year:  Awarded PWCP funds: \$885,000.00  Cover Crops: \$160,790.00 Rotational Grazing: \$411,058.94 Nitrogen Management: \$247,960.76 Total Projected cost: \$838,308.71	

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	Supporting documentation of current funds is available on file at the WIWD office.	
5.0	<p><b>Shelterbelt Establishment and Enhancement</b></p> <p>The Technician provided a brief update on the progress of the projects. All expenses for the projects processed, payments are calculated and will be paid out before March 31, 2025. Incentive payment will be issued under Conservation Agreements for approximately 13 acres.</p> <p>Technician provided an overview on an eco-buffer Project for the spring of 2025, utilizing RALP funds.</p>	
6.0	<p><b>RALP</b></p> <p>RALP 2023-2024 Projects:</p> <p>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</p> <p>T00071 “Creating Pollinator Habitats in the West Interlake Watershed District” – project is completed and the Financial Administrator has submitted all required reports.</p> <p>RALP 2024-2025 Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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. Tree Order has been placed.</li><li>Exclusion Fencing in the West Interlake Watershed District to Enhance and Restore Riparian Areas (\$100,000.00). – 2 site locations have identified; 0.8 miles exclusion fencing along Dog Lake, and 0.62 miles along Burnt Lake Drain. Staff are assessing fencing material requirements to prepare for an upcoming order.</li><li>Cultivating Environmental Resilience through Perennial Forage Establishment. (\$100,000.00) - Staff continue to identify and prioritize project locations. Meanwhile, seven claims have been processed, and corresponding payments have been issued.</li></ul> <p>RALP 2025-2026 Projects:</p> <p>Proposals were submitted on November 14, 2024 for the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2025 Riparian Restoration and Water Quality Improvement in the West Interlake Watershed (\$100,000.00)</li><li>Cultivating Environmental Resilience through Perennial Forage Establishment in the West Interlake Watershed in 2025-2026 (\$100,00.00)</li><li>Agroforestry Establishment in the West Interlake Watershed District 2025-2026 (\$21,900.00)</li></ul> <p>GROW Committee members have been provided with hard copies of the submitted proposals for review.</p>	
7.0	<p><b>Approval of GROW and PWCP Applications</b></p> <p>The Technician and GROW Coordinator gave an overview on proposed projects for the 2024-25 fiscal year.</p>	

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	<div><div><b>217-25: J. Cruise – H. Rosing</b></div><div><b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the LGC approves the following projects, for funding through the PWCP or GROW Program for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, subject to the conditions that they adhere to all PWCP or GROW guidelines established by the MAW, MHC, and WIWD, successfully complete the Final Project Inspection, and contingency on available funds with fair distribution amongst participants</div><div><div>➤ <b>BMP: PWCP Cover Crops</b></div><div>Stephen Reykdale</div><div>Stacy Meisner</div><div>Terry Lavallee</div><div>➤ <b>BMP: PWCP: Soil Testing</b></div><div>Triple Oak Farms</div><div>➤ <b>BMP: PWCP Legumes</b></div><div>Stacy Meisner</div><div>➤ <b>BMP: PWCP Manure</b></div><div>Stephen Reykdale</div><div>Stacy Meisner</div><div>James Ryden</div><div>Triple Oak Farms</div><div>Val Hallson</div><div>Andy Rawluk</div><div>Mark Emilson</div><div>➤ <b>BMP: PWCP ESN/Urease Inhibitors</b></div><div>Andy Rawluk</div><div>➤ <b>BMP: PWCP Split Fertilizer Application</b></div><div>➤ <b>BMP: PWCP Cross Fencing</b></div><div>Stacy Meisner</div><div>Tom Greenham</div><div>➤ <b>BMP: PWCP Alternative Watering System</b></div><div>➤ <b>BMP: GROW Perennial Forage Establishment</b></div><div>➤ <b>BMP: GROW Alternative Watering System</b></div><div>Ken Overby</div><div>Joshua Cook</div><div>Kevin Johansson</div><div>Kevin Peterson</div><div>➤ <b>BMP: GROW Riparian Fencing</b></div><div>Kevin Johansson</div><div>➤ <b>BMP: GROW Sisal Twine</b></div><div>Ted Fuchs</div><div>Ross Jeremy</div><div>Arnold Clark</div><div>Craig Bjornson</div></div></div>	<b>CARRIED</b>
<b>8.0</b>	<div><div><b>Sisal Twine</b></div><div>The GROW Coordinator submitted a budget modification request to Manitoba Habitat Conservancy (MHC) to reallocate \$15,000.00 from cross fencing to the sisal twine rebate in the 2024-2026 GROW funds. Request has been approved.</div></div>	

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9.0	<div>GROW 2025-2027</div> <div>The WIWD submitted a full proposal for the <i>‘Building watershed resiliency: A Sustainable Path 2025’</i> in the amount of \$885,000.00.</div>																																																																
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10.0	<div>Windbreak Panels</div> <div>The Local GROW committee reviewed the application for Windbreak panels under the GROW program. The following additional terms and requirements were discussed and determined:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A 1-year Grazing/Wintering Plan must be submitted as part of the application. Panels must be moved at least once during the 1-year period. Producers are responsible for implementing adequate manure management practices and removing excessive manure buildup at the project site.</li><li>Panels on skids are eligible.</li><li>The number of panels each producer is eligible to apply for will be calculated based on one head of livestock per one foot of panels.</li><li>Producers must provide information on the number of acres where panels will be utilized.</li><li>Photos of the installed panels at the project site, along with receipts and invoices, must be provided upon completion.</li></ul></div> <div>218-25: T. Cook - J. Cruise</div> <div>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approves the presented application.</div>	CARRIED																																																															
11.0	<div>GROW: Alternative Watering Systems</div> <div>A member proposed reviewing the terms for the Alternative Watering Systems (AWS) activities. The GROW Committee agreed to review the terms at the next GROW Committee meeting.</div>																																																																
12.0	<div>Termination of the GROW Contracts.</div> <div>The following contracts to be terminated.</div> <table><tr><td>Activity</td><td>Name</td><td>Location</td></tr><tr><td>Cover Crop</td><td>Judy Monkman</td><td>SW 9-20-4W</td></tr><tr><td>Cover Crop</td><td>Stacy Meisner Stella Farm</td><td>SW 20-26-8W</td></tr><tr><td>Cover Crop</td><td>Stacy Meisner Stella Farm</td><td>NW 20-26-8W</td></tr><tr><td>Cover Crop</td><td>Stacy Meisner Stella Farm</td><td>NW 5-26-8W</td></tr><tr><td>Cover Crop</td><td>Stephen Reykdal</td><td>SE 35-23-10W</td></tr><tr><td>Cover Crop</td><td>Kelsey Kell</td><td>NW 35-23-10W</td></tr><tr><td>Cover Crop</td><td></td><td>NE 2-21-6W</td></tr><tr><td>Cover Crop</td><td>Scott Gilson</td><td>SW 31-19-1W</td></tr><tr><td>Cover Crop</td><td></td><td>NW 25-19-2W</td></tr><tr><td>Cover Crop</td><td>Collin Bennett</td><td>SW 13-19-4W</td></tr><tr><td>Cover Crop</td><td></td><td>NW 12-19-4W</td></tr><tr><td>Cover Crop</td><td>Micheal Vigfusson</td><td>NW 33-19-4W</td></tr><tr><td>Cover Crop</td><td>Micheal Vigfusson</td><td>SW 33-19-4W</td></tr><tr><td>Cover Crop</td><td>Kyle McCosh</td><td>SE 6-24-6W</td></tr><tr><td>Cover Crop</td><td>Clint Miller</td><td>NE 24-20-5W</td></tr><tr><td>Cover Crop</td><td>Clint Miller</td><td>NW 27-20-4W</td></tr><tr><td>Cover Crop</td><td>Andy Rawluk</td><td>NW 1-25-8W</td></tr><tr><td>Cover Crop</td><td>Darcy Mason</td><td>SE 32-17-4W</td></tr><tr><td>Cover Crop</td><td>Donny Thorkelson</td><td>SE 23-20-5W</td></tr><tr><td>Cover Crop</td><td>Lee Wirgau</td><td>NE SE 25-19-2W</td></tr></table>	Activity	Name	Location	Cover Crop	Judy Monkman	SW 9-20-4W	Cover Crop	Stacy Meisner Stella Farm	SW 20-26-8W	Cover Crop	Stacy Meisner Stella Farm	NW 20-26-8W	Cover Crop	Stacy Meisner Stella Farm	NW 5-26-8W	Cover Crop	Stephen Reykdal	SE 35-23-10W	Cover Crop	Kelsey Kell	NW 35-23-10W	Cover Crop		NE 2-21-6W	Cover Crop	Scott Gilson	SW 31-19-1W	Cover Crop		NW 25-19-2W	Cover Crop	Collin Bennett	SW 13-19-4W	Cover Crop		NW 12-19-4W	Cover Crop	Micheal Vigfusson	NW 33-19-4W	Cover Crop	Micheal Vigfusson	SW 33-19-4W	Cover Crop	Kyle McCosh	SE 6-24-6W	Cover Crop	Clint Miller	NE 24-20-5W	Cover Crop	Clint Miller	NW 27-20-4W	Cover Crop	Andy Rawluk	NW 1-25-8W	Cover Crop	Darcy Mason	SE 32-17-4W	Cover Crop	Donny Thorkelson	SE 23-20-5W	Cover Crop	Lee Wirgau	NE SE 25-19-2W	
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	<div><div><u>219-25: J. Olson - T. Cook</u></div><div>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approves the termination of the contracts as presented in the table.</div></div>	
	<div><div>Review of Action Items:</div><div><div>•</div><div>N / A</div></div></div>	
13.0	<div><div>NEXT MEETING:</div><div>March 10, 2025 1:00 p.m. WIWD Office</div></div>	
14.0	<div><div>ADJOURNMENT</div><div><div><u>220-25: J. Cruise – T. Cook</u></div><div>BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 4:31 p.m.</div></div></div>	CARRIED
	<div><div>These minutes are the writer's best interpretation of discussions held during the meeting. Please inform the writer of any noteworthy omissions or errors</div></div>	
	<div><div><div></div><div>Bill Fleury, LGC Chairperson</div></div><div><div></div><div>Irina Zotter, Manager / GROW Coordinator</div></div></div>	