

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 50-26

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LOCATION	WIWD Office	DATE	May 11, 2026
PRESENT:	J. Cruise	Member (Chairperson)	Producer / WIWD
	B. Fleury (Phone)	Member (Vice- Chair)	Producer / WIWD
	C. Cuvelier	Watershed Planer	ECC
	H. Rosing	Member	Producer
	J. Olson	Peonan Point Representative	Producer
	T. Cook (Teams)	Member	Producer
	T. Nevakshonoff	Member	WIWD
	I. Zotter	Member (Manager)	WIWD
	Y. Li	Environmental Technician	WIWD
REGRETS:	B. Sigfusson	Member	WIWD
	D. Kaartinen	Resource Technician	WIWD
	G. Metner	Member	Producer / WIWD
	K. Christensen	GROW Coordinator	WIWD

WRITTEN BY: Y. Li

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	CALL TO ORDER J. Cruise called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.	
2.0	APPROVAL OF AGENDA The Committee reviewed the agenda as presented. Amendments were proposed to add: Item 4.0 – Environmental Stewardship and Compliance Conditions, to be inserted before Program Updates; and Item 7.0 – Events, to be inserted before Next Meeting. All subsequent agenda items were renumbered accordingly. 296-26: J. Olson – H. Rosing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Local Grow Committee (LGC) approved the Agenda as amended, with the addition of Item 4.0 – Environmental Stewardship and Compliance Conditions and Item 7.0 – Events, and that all subsequent agenda items be renumbered accordingly.	CARRIED
3.0	APPROVAL OF MINUTES 297-26: H. Rosing – J. Olson BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approved the minutes of the LGC Meeting #49-26, April 20 th , 2025, as presented.	CARRIED
4.0	ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP During a recent discussion regarding certain project applications, the topic arose concerning the stipulation to avoid or reduce bush clearing and agricultural use. While the matter was previously discussed in October, no specific requirement was established. LGC members considered the possibility of adding a policy or appendix to be attached to the applications. A draft document has been prepared for members’ review; the topic will be discussed at the next LGC meeting.	

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5.0	PROGRAMMING UPDATES	
5.1	GROW The office received confirmation from the funder that \$578,000 was approved; the proposal must be revised and adjusted to reflect the approved funding amount. The final report for GROW TRUST 2023–2025 has been submitted. Staff will prepare the 2024–2026 final report and 2025–2027 interim report. Following discussions at the previous meeting regarding wetland restoration and water retention, staff compiled and presented proposed meeting dates and delegation requirements for each partner RM. Staff to schedule a delegation to the RM of Grahamdale; T. Nevakshonoff and/or J. Cruise to attend. Watershed Planner will support this process by providing a fact sheet on successful projects.	
5.2	RALP The office has not yet received updates from the funder regarding the reports submitted for the 2025 fiscal year.	
5.3	PWCP Technician reported on the current allocated funds for PWCP funding for the 2025-26 fiscal year. Awarded PWCP funds: \$1,105,000.00 Cover Crops: \$ 171,790.00 Rotational Grazing: \$ 668,119.75 Nitrogen Management: \$ 260,818.09 Total Project cost: \$ 1,100,727.84 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: \$ 42,150.00 Rotational Grazing: \$ 167,250.00 Nitrogen Management: \$ 59,150.00 Total Project cost: \$ 268,550.00 Supporting documentation of current funds is available on file at the WIWD office.	
6.0	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>298-26: J. Olson – H. Rosing</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT 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.	CARRIED

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT 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.

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- **BMP: PWCP Cover Crops**
D. Voth
K. Peterson
C. Miller
- **BMP: PWCP Sod Seeder**
K. Peterson
- **BMP: PWCP Soil Testing**
- **BMP: PWCP Legumes**
- **BMP: PWCP Manure**
B. Meisner (BraKir Inc)
C. Bjornson
D. Kluthe
R. Geisler
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- **BMP: PWCP ESN/Urease Inhibitors**
- **BMP: PWCP Split Fertilizer Application**
- **BMP: PWCP Rotational Grazing**
C. Miller
C. Bjornson
D. Kluthe
E. Sigurdson
K. Kallstrom
K. Peterson
R. & B. Jonsson
D. Springer
J. Dalrymple
- **BMP: PWCP Alternative Watering System**
C. Bjornson
D. Springer
K. McIntosh
- **BMP: PWCP Pasture Rejuvenation**
- **BMP: GROW Perennial Forage Establishment**
- **BMP: GROW Alternative Watering System**
- **BMP: GROW Riparian Fencing**
- **BMP: GROW Cross Fencing**
- **BMP: GROW Sisal Twine**
- **BMP: GROW Windbreak Panel**
- **BMP: GROW Riparian Area Conservation**
- **BMP: RALP Riparian Fencing**

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	➤ BMP: RALP Perennials ➤ BMP: RALP Agroforestry	
7.0	EVENTS 299-26: B. Fleury – G. Metner BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approve the attendance of up to 5 WIWD staff members and up to 10 members of the WIWD and GROW Committees at the Manitoba Forage and Grassland Association (MFGA) Conference during the 2026–2027 fiscal year, recognizing the value of this event for professional development, capacity building, and program delivery. All associated expenses shall be eligible for coverage through GROW funds, subject to available budgets and adherence to applicable program guidelines. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the LGC authorize WIWD staff to exercise administrative flexibility in determining which staff or committee members attend the MFGA Conference. 300-26: G. Metner – H. Rosing BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approve support up to two (2) local producers to attend the Manitoba Forage and Grassland Association (MFGA) Conference during the 2026–2027 fiscal year, recognizing the value of producer participation in advancing sustainable land management, grazing practices, and program outcomes. Eligible expenses, including conference admission, mileage, accommodation, and meals—shall be covered through GROW funds, subject to available budgets and adherence to applicable program guidelines. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the LGC authorize WIWD staff to exercise administrative flexibility in determining producer eligibility and allocating available funds, provided that all expenditures comply with GROW program requirements and support the effective delivery of WIWD programs.	CARRIED CARRIED
8.0	NEXT MEETING: June 8th, 2026 1:00 p.m. WIWD Office	
9.0	ADJOURNMENT 301-26: J. Olson – H. Rosing BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 3:12 p.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	