

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 51-26

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LOCATION	WIWD Office	DATE	June 8, 2026
PRESENT:	J. Cruise	Member (Chairperson)	Producer / WIWD
	B. Fleury	Member (Vice- Chair)	Producer / WIWD
	C. Cuvelier	Watershed Planner	ECC
	G. Metner	Member	Producer / WIWD
	H. Rosing	Member	Producer
	T. Cook (Teams)	Member	Producer
	D. Kaartinen	Resource Technician	WIWD
	I. Zotter	Member (Manager)	WIWD
	Y. Li	Environmental Technician	WIWD
REGRETS:	B. Sigfusson	Member	WIWD
	E. Hummel	Member	Producer
	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 1:05 p.m.	
2.0	APPROVAL OF AGENDA <u>302-26: B. Fleury – G. Metner</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Local Grow Committee (LGC) approved the Agenda as presented.	CARRIED
3.0	APPROVAL OF MINUTES <u>303-26: H. Rosing – G. Metner</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approved the minutes of the LGC Meeting #50-26, May 11 th , 2026, as presented.	CARRIED
4.0	PROGRAMMING UPDATES	
4.1	GROW Following the discussion from the previous meeting, members agreed that the Environmental Stewardship topic will be deferred and revisited at the next meeting when more members are present. Staff will circulate the proposed policy/appendix prior to the meeting to allow members time to review it and consider appropriate solutions. T. Nevakshonoff and J. Cruise attended the scheduled delegation with the RM of Grahamdale regarding wetland restoration and water retention projects. The next RM and meeting time will be determined at the upcoming executive meeting.	
4.2	RALP The manager provided updates on activities for which the office has received funding. The additional information requested for the Final Report 2024–2025 Grassland Enhancement project has been submitted. Funding for 2025–2026 has been allocated.	

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4.3	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: \$ 170,440.00 Rotational Grazing: \$ 670,766.58 Nitrogen Management: \$ 263,751.64 Total Project cost: \$ 1,104,958.22 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: \$ 78,500.00 Rotational Grazing: \$ 257,625.00 Nitrogen Management: \$ 101,150.00 Total Project cost: \$ 437,275.00 Supporting documentation of current funds is available on file at the WIWD office.	
5.0	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. 304-26: B. Fleury – H. Rosing 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. 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. ➤ BMP: PWCP Cover Crops D. Keeley E. Sigurdson K. Johannson K. Overby M. Vigfusson ➤ BMP: PWCP Sod Seeder D. Keeley ➤ BMP: PWCP Soil Testing K. Boychuk K. Overby ➤ BMP: PWCP Legumes L. Wirgau M. Vigfusson C. Wimmer ➤ BMP: PWCP Manure L. Wirgau	CARRIED CARRIED

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	K. Johansson E. Sigurdson ➤ BMP: PWCP ESN/Urease Inhibitors K. Overby ➤ BMP: PWCP Split Fertilizer Application ➤ BMP: PWCP Rotational Grazing M. Wildhager K. Johansson C. Wimmer G. Gudmundson E. Hummel ➤ BMP: PWCP Alternative Watering System G. Johnson R. Jonsson ➤ BMP: PWCP Pasture Rejuvenation ➤ BMP: GROW Perennial Forage Establishment ➤ BMP: GROW Alternative Watering System C. Ives ➤ 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 ➤ BMP: RALP Perennials G. Johnson ➤ BMP: RALP Agroforestry	
6.0	NEXT MEETING: July 13th, 2026 9:00 a.m. WIWD Office	
7.0	ADJOURNMENT 305-26: J. Olson – H. Rosing BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 3:49 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	

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	Jack Cruise, LGC Chairperson Irina Zotter, Manager	
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