

MINUTES OF MEETING NO.20-24

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PRESENT:	B. Fleury D. Oliver V. Johnson D. Voth I. Zotter K. Christensen	Sub District Chairperson Sub District Vice Chairperson Sub District Member Sub District Member Manager / GROW Coordinator Financial Administrator	Lake Francis Sub District Lake Francis Sub District Lake Francis Sub District Lake Francis Sub District WIWD WIWD
REGRETS:	N. St.Goddard M. Leclair	Sub District Member Sub District Member	Lake Francis Sub District Lake Francis Sub District
WRITTEN BY:	K. Christensen	Financial Administrator	WIWD

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	CALL TO ORDER B. Fleury called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.	
2.0	APPROVAL OF AGENDA <u>LF49-24: D. Voth – D. Oliver</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sub District approved the agenda as presented with the addition of 5.3 Water Retention.	CARRIED
3.0	APPROVAL OF MINUTES <u>LF50-23: V. Johnson – D. Voth</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sub District approved the minutes LF 19-23 August 2, 2023 as presented.	CARRIED
4.0	FINANCIAL REPORT	
4.1	Expenditures Spent to Date Financial Administrator presented the expenditures spent to date, April 1, 2023 – March 12, 2024. Manager / GROW Coordinator gave a verbal update on current GROW and PWCP funds spent to date.	
4.2	2024-2025 Interim Budget Financial Administrator presented the 2024-2025 Interim Budget that was submitted to the province on February 28, 2024.	
5.0	New Business	
5.1	Programming The Financial Administrator presented information on the new Bird / Bat house program that the district has incorporated into the next fiscal years budget. Staff have purchased a few different commercial models of houses that were presented before the members. There was discussion on how the program would be ran. Members suggested that staff contact local schools to see if there would be interest in the shops classes building the houses, as well as providing all partnering municipalities with a flyer of the program to gauge interest before purchasing the houses. There was discussion on the need for work to be done to help slow the spread of Zebra Muscles. It was suggested that the district work with municipalities to purchase small	

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	<p>portable wash stations that would be located at the beaches for people to wash off their swim gear and beach toys.</p> <p>There was discussion on how to improve pollinator habitat within the communities, it was suggested to provide each municipality with a set dollar value of funds to go towards flowers in the community.</p>	
5.2	<p>WIWD Expansion</p> <p>Manager gave an update on the WIWD expansion to include the Rural Municipalities of Portage la Prairie and Rockwood, as well as the partnership agreement with Municipal and Northern Affairs to provide Peonan Point access to district funding.</p> <p>There was discussion on the municipal levy rates, members felt there should be a minimum contribution amount set for each municipality to join and partake in programming.</p>	
5.3	<p>Water Retention</p> <p>The Manager presented members with potential technologies available, such as the Aquanty model and/or Strategic Systems Engineering Systems, to assist staff and producers in forecasting the effects of weather events. Estimated cost of such technologies could exceed \$40,000.00 - \$50,000.00 per sub-district.</p> <p>There was discussion on the Shoal Lakes Complex, the consensus was that the WIWD would be in support of carrying out a study if the WIWD can obtain external funding sources to do so.</p>	
6.0	<p>NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>To be Determined.</p>	
7.0	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p><u>LF51-24: D. Voth</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 9:32 p.m.</p>	CARRIED
7.6	<p>These minutes are the writer's best interpretation of discussions held during the meeting. Please inform the writer of any noteworthy omissions or errors</p>	
8.0	<div><div></div><div>Bill Fleury, Lake Francis Sub District Chairperson</div><div></div><div>Irina Zotter, WIWD Manager / GROW Coordinator</div></div>	