

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 40-25

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LOCATION	WIWD Office	DATE	March 10, 2025
PRESENT:	B. Fleury	Member (Chairperson)	Producer / WIWD
	H. Rosing	Member (Vice- Chair)	Producer
	T. Cook	Member	Producer
	J. Cruise	Member	Producer / WIWD
	B. Sigfusson	Member	WIWD
	D. Timmerman (zoom)	Watershed Planner	ECC
	I. Zotter	Member (Manager /GROW Coordinator)	WIWD
	D. Kaartinen	Resource Technician	WIWD
REGRETS:	G. Metner	Member	Producer / WIWD
	K. Christensen	Financial Administrator	WIWD
	T. Nevakshonoff	Member	WIWD
	J. Olson	Peonan Point Representative	Producer

WRITTEN BY: I. Zotter

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b> B. Fleury called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.	
2.0	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b> <u>221-25: J. Cruise – H. Rosing</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>222-25: J. Cruise – H. Rosing</u> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the LGC approved the minutes of the LGC Meeting # 39-25, February 24, 2025 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: \$160,860.00 Rotational Grazing: \$434,382.11 Nitrogen Management: \$251,096.51	

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	<p>Total Projected cost:   \$846,338.62</p> <p>Supporting documentation of current funds is available on file at the WIWD office.</p> <p>The MAW offered additional funding for Activity 1 through PWCP; however, WIWD declined the offer since there are still unallocated approved funds available.</p>	
5.0	<p><b>Shelterbelt Establishment and Enhancement</b></p> <p>Staff presented a request to purchase 2400 hemp mats to support tree planting projects through 2BT and RALP programs.</p> <p><b><u>223-25: B. Sigfusson – H. Rosing</u></b> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the LGC approves the purchase of the 2,400 weed suppression squares – 18” (Hemp mats) and 3000 biodegradable stakes.</p>	CARRIED
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 T00071 “Creating Pollinator Habitats in the West Interlake Watershed District” – project is completed reports have been submitted.</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, expecting the delivery in May.</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. Additional two sites have been identified and will be presented for approval today.</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>Funding approved 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. The GROW Committee members discussed the projects.</p>	

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	<p><b><u>224-25: J. Cruise – H. Rosing</u></b> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the LGC approves a \$50 per acre rate as an incentive payment for completed shelterbelts projects: J. Goodfellow, C. Kaartinen, E. Gibson, D. Hueging</p> <p><b><u>2.25-25: J. Cruise – B. Sigfusson</u></b> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the LGC approves an incentive payment for the Wetland Class 1 &amp; 2 conservation for the following individuals and farm operations: Current Holsteins, F. Plohman, J. Olafson, M. Vigfusson, R. Bazinet, SVK Building</p> <p><b><u>226-25: J. Cruise – I. Zotter</u></b> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the LGC approves an incentive payment for the Riparian Area Conservation for the following individuals and farm operations: J. Dyck, M. Christensen, SVK Building, C. Johnson</p> <p><b><u>227-25: H. Rosing – B. Sigfusson</u></b> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the LGC approves the following projects, for funding through the PWCP, GROW or RALP Program for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, subject to the conditions that they adhere to all PWCP, GROW or RALP guidelines established by the MAW, MHC, MB Agriculture and WIWD, successfully complete the Final Project Inspection, and contingency on available funds with fair distribution amongst participants</p> <div><div>➤</div><div>BMP: PWCP Cover Crops</div></div> <div><div>➤</div><div>BMP: PWCP: Soil Testing</div></div> <div><div>➤</div><div>BMP: PWCP Legumes</div></div> <div><div>➤</div><div>BMP: PWCP Manure</div></div> <div><div>➤</div><div>BMP: PWCP ESN/Urease Inhibitors</div></div> <div><div>➤</div><div>BMP: PWCP Split Fertilizer Application</div></div> <div><div>➤</div><div>BMP: PWCP Rotational Grazing</div><div><div>•</div><div>C. Thorgilsson</div></div></div> <div><div>➤</div><div>BMP: PWCP Alternative Watering System</div></div> <div><div>➤</div><div>BMP: GROW Perennial Forage Establishment</div></div> <div><div>➤</div><div>BMP: GROW Alternative Watering System</div><div><div>•</div><div>D. Cook</div><div>•</div><div>SVK Building</div></div></div> <div><div>➤</div><div>BMP: GROW Riparian Fencing</div></div> <div><div>➤</div><div>BMP: GROW Sisal Twine</div></div> <div><div>➤</div><div>BMP: RALP Riparian Fencing</div><div><div>•</div><div>M. Kostyshyn</div><div>•</div><div>D. Thorgilsson</div></div></div>
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9.0	<b>Windbreak Panels</b>  Staff incorporated all suggestions made by the GROW committee in the application and distributed applications to individuals on the waiting list. The list of the applicants who submitted completed application before March 10 was presented to members. Members reviewed the proposed projects.  <b>228-25: I. Zotter– B. Sigfusson</b> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the LGC approves Windbreak Panels Project for the following individuals and farm operations:	<b>CARRIED</b>

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		32	Rick	Miller	NW 9-20-4W; NE 9-20-4W; NW/SW/SE 10-20-4W		
		33	Allen	Rawluk	NW/SE/NE/SE 24-27-8W; NE/SE/ 13-27-8W		
		34	Stacy	Meisner	SE 21-268W; SW 20-26-8W		
10.0	<b>GROW: Alternative Watering Systems</b>  Discussion tabled until next GROW meeting						
	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>						
	<b>Review of Action Items:</b>  • N / A						
13.0	<b>NEXT MEETING:</b>  April 14, 2025 1:00 p.m. WIWD Office						
14.0	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>  <u>229-25: B. Sigfusson – I. Zotter</u> <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> we adjourn at 4:25 p.m.						<b>CARRIED</b>
	<b>These minutes are the writer's best interpretation of discussions held during the meeting. Please inform the writer of any noteworthy omissions or errors</b>						
	<div></div> <div>Bill Fleury, LGC Chairperson</div> <div></div> <div>Irina Zotter, Manager / GROW Coordinator</div>						