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PRESENT:

J. Cruise	Chairperson	Swan Creek Sub District
H. Rosing	Vice Chairperson	Lake Francis Sub District
K. Fjeldsted	Director	Swan Creek Sub District
N. Brandstrom	Director	Dog Lake Sub District
J. Halchuk	Director	Lake St. Martin Sub District
B. Sigfusson	Director	Shoal Lake Sub District
P. Dunlop	Provincial Appointee	MSD
L. Miller	Manager/ Financial Admin	WIWCD
I. Zotter	Financial Adm. Assistant	WIWCD

REGRETS:

P. Watson	Watershed Planner	MSD
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WRITTEN BY: I. Zotter

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION BY
1.0	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>J. Cruise called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.</p>	
2.0	<p>DELEGATION</p> <p>E. Dunbar presented PDF format files pertaining to three new initiatives by the Manitoba Government. These initiatives intended to create environmental benefits, improve water management and modernize watershed planning with overall goal of better coordination of provincial programs and investments across watersheds.</p> <p>Links to this news release and to this new watershed-based policy framework which includes these three discussion papers were sent to the partners-Municipalities and to all other members of the WIWCD. Members were asked to submit their recommendations and suggestions to the office or directly to the address provided by October 6, 2017.</p>	
3.0	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p><u>782-17: J. Halchuk – H. Rosing</u></p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the agenda with addition:</p> <p>8.2 Oak Hammock Marsh 8.3 Advertisement</p>	CARRIED
4.0	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p><u>783-17: B. Sigfusson – K. Fjeldsted</u></p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adopted the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting 101-17 August 15, 2017 as presented.</p>	CARRIED
5.0	<p>FINANCIAL REPORT</p>	
5.1	<p>Bank Activity</p> <p>L. Miller presented the financial report: CIBC Corporate Classic Visa Statement from July 22, 2017 to August 21, 2017; CIBC Business Operating Account Statement from August 1 to August 31, 2017; Bank Account Transactions Report from August 12, 2017 to September 20, 2017; Comparative Income Statement – YTD from April 1, 2017 to</p>	

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	<p>September 20, 2017; 2017-2018 Statement of Expenditures from April 1, 2017 to September 20, 2017.</p> <p>784-17: P. Dunlop – B. Sigfusson BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the expenses of \$ 15,596.45 (cheques # 3084 - 3103), L. Miller presented the financial report: L. Miller presented the financial report: CIBC Corporate Classic Visa Statement from July 22, 2017 to August 21, 2017; CIBC Business Operating Account Statement from August 1 to August 31, 2017; Bank Account Transactions Report from August 12, 2017 to September 20, 2017; Comparative Income Statement – YTD from April 1, 2017 to September 20, 2017. 2017-2018 Statement of Expenditures from April 1, 2017 to September 20, 2017.</p>	CARRIED
6.0	<p>SUB DISTRICT RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>Attendance of scheduled Sub District Meetings must be addressed at next annual General Meeting in November of 2017.</p> <p>Shoal Lake Sub District had a successful meeting on September 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., at the RM Office in St. Laurent;</p> <p>Lake St. Martin, Dog Lake, Lake Francis and Swan Creek Sub Districts had no quorum to hold a meeting. General discussion took place at those venues. The following recommendations were presented to the Board:</p> <p>Members reviewed the 2018-2019 Operational Budget. Throughout the discussion the following suggestions were made:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Weed control.</p> <p>Red Bartsia, Purple Loosestrife and Leafy Spurge continue to be problems. Leafy Spurge is a local issue and there has been a ban on moving the old rail beds due to this. RM's have weed inspectors. People should be advised to contact RM's when find these weeds. Suggested that WIWCD should educate people to help identify these weeds by putting the information on the website and by continuing to provide pamphlets through the office.</p> <p>The Board agreed that to provide information and educational services should be primary goals for the WIWCD when it comes to Weed Control.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Bulrushes Program.</p> <p>Bulrushes continue to be a problem with concerns over the potential fire hazard in the area. Representatives from the cattle producers, RMs of St. Laurent and Woodlands and cottagers have met with MIT twice. It is beneficial to know what is going on and understand MIT direction. Wild life, muskrat trapping, new carp gates being cleaned and managed, high water and high winds are problematic.</p> <p>It was suggested there should be a control burn at the N end of the marsh, an area of about 6 miles.</p> <p>EMO should be asked for potential disaster strategies.</p> <p>Members suggested RM's be contacted with regard to concerns about the potential fire hazards and request that these concerns be passed on to EMO's</p> <p>The Board discussed the topic and conclude that RM's are well aware about potential fire hazards, however a Letter to the Sustainable Development may be reasonable.</p>	

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	Debris		
		<p>As a result of the flood, there still is a debris problem. There has been no response from the Province. It is up to the property owners. Crown should be responsible to clean up Crown land.</p> <p>The Board discussed the possibility to organize a “Clean Up the Shoreline” day in the community, based on volunteer help.</p>	
	Potential Program		
		<p>Members recommended a program be added to assist in the replacement of fuel tanks with above ground double wall tanks in the amount of \$500 - \$1,000.</p> <p>The Board supported the idea, the new program will be incorporated into next year’s Budget.</p>	
	Beaver Program		
		<p>Members were advised that workshops were held in the RM of Grahamdale and RM of Armstrong to encourage land owners to do their own trapping. It was suggested to continue with the workshops.</p> <p>The Board supported the idea to provide another workshop to public. Perhaps, one full day workshop can be set up where information will be provided on how to trap beavers and predators.</p>	
7.0	OLD BUSINESS		
7.1	Integrated Watershed Management plan (IWMP)		
		Tabled	
7.2	Winter Watering System Applications		
		<p>Two pending projects from 2016-2017 fiscal year are completed, bills have not been received yet.</p> <p>New application submitted. The Board decided to delay the approval of this project till next month, the applicant had received funding from the WIWCD three times in the previous 4 years.</p>	
7.3	Copier		
		Tabled to the next Executive Meeting	
7.4	Hatchery Drain		
		More information needed, pertaining to installation of spawning shoals at different points on Hatchery Drain. L. Miller to contact M. Lowdon regarding the most valuable locations.	
7.5	Well Sealing		
		The WIWCD received applications to seal flowing wells. The cost to seal those wells exceeded \$ 1000.00, landowner declined to cover the above cost. Provincial	

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	representative contacted the landowner regarding these wells. Provincial Representative is communicating with Landowner.	
7.6	<p>Spawning Shoals</p> <p>Letter from the RM of Woodlands has not been received yet. Tabled to the next Executive meeting</p>	
8.0	NEW BUSINESS	
8.1	<p>New Programs</p> <p>Staff to develop Fuel Tank Replacement Program, where the WIWCD can provide financial assistance (in the range of \$ 500.00 - \$ 1000.00) to landowners to purchase and install a new Fuel Tank.</p>	
8.2	<p>Oak Hammock Marsh</p> <p>The Oak Hammock Marsh Programming presented to the Board. Staff to contact the Oak Hammock Marsh representatives to edit offered list of presentations, leaving only science oriented.</p>	
8.3	<p>Advertisement</p> <p>The WIWCD approached by the Express Weekly News to place an advertisement for the Lundar Goose Shoot Event. The Board decided to place same size advertisement as last year.</p>	
9.0	REPORTS	
9.1	<p>Chairperson N/A</p>	
9.2	<p>MCDA Rep Report</p> <p>H. Rosing presented brief verbal update</p>	
9.3	<p>Manager Report</p> <p>Manager updated the Board on the current activities of the West Interlake Watershed Conservation District.</p>	
9.4	<p>Watershed Planner</p> <p>Report is on file at the office</p>	
10.0	<p>IN CAMERA DISCUSSION</p> <p>N/A</p>	

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10.0	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>The following information presented to the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Invitation from Manitoba Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund to the 26 The Annual Fisheries Enhancement Stamp Artwork Competition; ➤ Manitoba Co-operator Early Renewal Savings Notice; ➤ “Thank You” card from C. Lavallee; ➤ Press release from the Invasive Species Council of Manitoba; ➤ Subdivision File # 4185-17-7667. Board has no comments; 	
12.0	<p>NEXT MEETING:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">October 19, 2017 10:00 A.M. WIWCD Office</p>	
13.0	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p><u>785-17 B. Sigfusson – N. Brandstrom</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 1:20 p.m.</p>	CARRIED
	<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>	
	<hr/> <p>Jack Cruise, Chairperson WIWCD</p> <hr/> <p>Linda Miller, Financial Administrator WIWCD</p>	